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## \$10M utility vouchers on the way



### NEW STUDENT OFFICERS

The new officers of the Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College clowns for the camera after their swearing in yesterday. Riya Nathrani was sworn in as ASNMC president, Salvi Villanueva as vice president, Andrew Villanueva as secretary, and Roman Tudela as treasurer. Adrian Pangelinan, Keisuke Yoshida, and Guadalupe Camacho were sworn in as senators.

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By **MARK RABAGO**  
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**G**ov. Eloy S. Inos said Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s \$10 million worth of utility vouchers for residential customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be out soon.

He said while the Executive Branch is not part of negotiations between the Hong Kong-based investor and CUC, the two parties have told him that they're hammering the final details on how the \$10 million utility vouchers will be given to CUC's more than 11,000 consumers.

"We're not going to be part of the process. We were consulted on the method for how that pay-

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### SAIPAN, TINIAN DAMAGE SHORT OF \$1M THRESHOLD

## Govt awaiting Rota damage assessment

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The Inos administration is looking at tapping federal disaster funds in the aftermath of the damage brought by Typhoon Vongfong. However, initial assessment of the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management on Saipan and Tinian is short of the minimum \$1-million threshold in public damage needed for states to seek disaster

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## More last-minute applications for absentee voting

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission received yesterday a lot of last-minute applications for absentee voting by electronic mail or fax, according to CEC administrative officer Julita Villagomez.

Villagomez said the last day for application for absentee voting is

today, Friday.

"After [Friday], we will not accept applications anymore because the law says the 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune*.

She said they reviewed the applications that they received through emails and fax and processed them.

"We need to verify whether their names are correct. When an ap-

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## Kilili says replacement ATM for Rota coming

By **MARK RABAGO**  
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Rota residents driving a long way to the island's only ATM only to find it broken can now heave a sigh of relief.

Bank of Guam is reportedly shipping a replacement unit to the island, according to



Sablan

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan.

While admitting that ATM problems on the southernmost island of the CNMI is not a federal issue, Sablan said he wants to be the first to announce the good news that Rota residents

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## FOR NOV. 5 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

### Parties in Saipan Air lawsuit told to send reps with settlement authority

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REPORTER

The federal court has ordered the parties in Saipan Air Inc.'s \$50-million racketeering lawsuit against three executives of Swift Air LLC to attend a settlement conference, each with an authorized representative possessing settlement authority and counsel.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy will preside over the settlement conference on Nov. 5, 2014, at 8:30am.

In an order on Wednesday, Kennedy said by noon on Nov. 3, each party shall exchange settlement statements and submit these statements, along with any more information that may assist her during settlement talks, by emailing them to her.

"These statements shall not become part of the case file and shall only be used for conducting settlement discussions in this matter. Any additional information submitted to the judge only will not be shared with the other party without consent," Kennedy said.

The statements should include a brief outline of the facts of the case; undisputed issues and major issues in dispute; remedy sought such as damages, previous demands and counter offer(s); and any other information that may encourage settlement.

According to Saipan Air's complaint, filed July 12, 2012, Donald A. Stukes, Jeffrey Conry, and Boris Van Lier fraudulently induced Saipan Air to transfer money and other assets to Swift Air.

According to court records, defendants were employees, officers, or advisers of Swift Air, an Arizona corporation. Conry was chief executive officer, Van Lier was director of operations,

and Stukes was chief restructuring officer and also an employee of ASI Advisors LLC.

In April 2012, Saipan Air and Swift Air entered into an agreement for Swift Air to provide Saipan Air with aircraft, crew, maintenance, and insurance.

Over the next two months, Saipan Air wired a total of \$1.267 million to Swift Air and provided a \$524,000 letter of credit to secure delivery of the aircraft by July 1, 2012.

On June 21, 2012, Van Lier, acting on behalf of Swift Air, sent a letter to Saipan Air terminating the agreement. Less than a week later, on June 27, Swift Air filed for bankruptcy in the District of Arizona under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

In response, Saipan Air took action on two fronts. In Arizona, it participated actively in the bankruptcy case. On Saipan, it filed a lawsuit against Stukes, Conry, and Van Lier.

Saipan Air's chief operating officer Adam Ferguson alleged that a series of broken promises, misrepresentation, and outright lies by Conry, Van Lier, and other agents of Swift Air induced Saipan Air to enter into the agreement.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona had denied defendants' motion to stop Saipan Air Inc. from pursuing its lawsuit against them.

The defendants asserted that Saipan Air Inc. is enjoined from continuing its lawsuit against them due to the confirmed Chapter 11 reorganization plan of Swift Air Inc.

Manglona, however, ruled that the language of 9.7 section of the reorganization plan is far short of clear enough to alert Saipan Air that by assenting to such a plan it was agreeing to abandon its lawsuit.

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# Minimal damage to CUC's facilities from Vongfong

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Typhoon Vongfong swept through the Marianas early Monday morning but the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s crews were still hard at work fixing power outages and minimal damage until midnight Tuesday, according to executive director Alan Fletcher.

"The CUC crew worked continuously since Sunday night to restore services to

customers on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian," he said.

Fletcher said that Rota and Tinian were fully restored on the day of the storm, while the majority of Saipan was restored the same day as the storm, with full restoration occurring around midnight Tuesday.

On Saipan, Power Division crews used a systematic approach to restoration, where primary feeders were restored first. CUC then went to work

## »Cost of damage unknown but major cost was in labor

on the secondary laterals, which in many cases resulted in a pole-by-pole assessment and hours of work.

"Field crews worked on an extended rotating shift basis, with most repairs being hardware related and tied to the poor condition of the system," Fletcher said.

He said that CUC is still

working on coming up with the estimated damages caused by the storm.

Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that they did not experience widespread damage to facilities, such as the power plant or the power distribution system.

The bulk of repairs that CUC made were hardware related such as cross-arms, pins, insulators and some transformers.

"As a result, our major costs was in labor as we had crews working around the clock until midnight Tuesday," he said.

Fletcher noted that some CUC customers may still experience limited water supply

while the system is being returned to normal.

"If your water appears discolored, we recommend that you flush your water line for at least three minutes before using the water," Fletcher said.

Many customers, especially in problem areas, became frustrated with the pace of restoration. CUC's in-house Call Center received over 7,000 telephone calls in 24 hours. This equals the normal monthly average and made it difficult to get through. Even with 24 trunklines and seven operators, many calls went to voice mail, adding to customers' frustrations.

"Please know our priorities are always with the customer and that service restoration oc-

curred as quickly as possible," Fletcher said.

The Call Center was launched on Oct. 1 and it was in its first week of full operations.

"It has been many years since CUC has experienced an event of this size. As a result we will be debriefing to see where we can improve communications and logistics for future events. Everyone at CUC thanks our customers for their patience and support during the restoration process," Fletcher said.

## Wanted: Man who kidnapped son



Jeffrey Ford Hanson



Billy Hanson

The Seattle FBI office has turned to Honolulu FBI for help in a parental kidnapping case in which the suspect may have sailed to Hawaii (or beyond) with the missing child.

On or about Sept. 4, 2014, non-custodial parent Jeffrey Ford Hanson, 46, set sail from Seattle with his 9-year-old son, Billy Hanson, in a sailboat called *Draco*, and neither has been seen since. Seattle FBI has consulted with nautical experts from the U.S. Coast Guard who advised that, based on the boat and Jeffrey Hanson's sailing abilities, it is possible for him to have sailed great distance in the Pacific, including the Hawaiian Islands.

Accordingly, the Honolulu FBI is reaching out to Ameri-

can Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and all sovereign nations of the Pacific if they can provide any information about this case.

Honolulu FBI Special Agent Tom Simon said, "Our focus is helping the agents at the Seattle FBI recover Billy safely, so he can go back to his mom where he belongs. Hawaii and the islands of the Pacific have a vibrant sailing and nautical community, and we are appealing to that community to be on the lookout for this sailboat and contact authorities with leads."

He clarified, though, that the FBI has no specific information that Jeffrey Hanson has made it to any specific island in the Pacific.

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## ‘Host families will be paid for hosting a student’

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REPORTER

Host families for a group of 131 students from Hiroshima Johoku Gakuen will be paid for hosting the students during their stay on Saipan, according to

Saipan Mayor’s Office executive assistant Yuki Kishimoto.

About 65 to 70 families are still needed. Each host family will be accommodating two students for four nights. Johoku will pay \$70 for both students each night during

their stay and will receive a total amount of \$280.

The students and teachers will be arriving on Nov. 17 at 6pm and will be leaving on Nov. 21 at 7am.

Kishimoto told *Saipan Tribune* that host families won’t

have to pick up the students upon their arrival. Also, there won’t be any welcoming or farewell party.

“There is still discussion on the assembly point as well on where the students will get dropped off,” Kishimoto said.

Johoku is an all-boys school with juniors and seniors in

high school and serves over 1,300 students. It also has sister schools in Korea, Australia, and England with whom it has cultural and home exchange programs.

Over the course of their stay they will interact with the host families and learn the culture. There will also be sightseeing

trips so the students would learn about the CNMI’s history. They will also have a chance to visit Managaha Island.

For more information on the homestay program, call the Saipan Mayor’s Office at 234-6208 or visit its office at the second floor of the Ladera Building along Beach Road in Oleai.

## Woman pleads guilty to bank fraud

A woman accused of using another person’s ATM card 46 times to fraudulently withdraw over \$800 from the real owner’s personal savings account at Bank of Guam has pleaded guilty in federal court.

Esperanza E. Ellis pleaded

guilty to bank fraud as part of a plea deal. The offense that carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison.

Ellis will be sentenced on Feb. 20, 2015. She remains free until then under the same pre-trial conditions.

After discussing the issue with the prosecution and the defense counsel, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona determined that Bank of Guam is not a victim in this case.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton appeared for the U.S. government. Attorney Bruce Berline served as counsel for Ellis.

Ellis is the registered owner of, and sole registered recipient, at P.O. Box 504858 on Saipan.

In June or July of 2012, Ellis received an ATM bank card from Bank of Guam through PO Box 504858. This ATM card was in the name of Silvia C. Macato. Ellis does not know Macato or have any relation to her.

Around the same time, Ellis

received from BOG a personal identification number to go with the ATM card that she received.

On several occasions in 2012, Ellis used the ATM card and PIN several times to withdraw at least \$800 from Macato’s account.

By using Macato’s ATM card

and PIN, Ellis was stating to BOG that she had authority to access Macato’s bank account.

Ellis knew that she did not have authority to access Macato’s bank account, and that the money she was obtaining did not belong to her. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## \$4.8M needed for full-time kinder

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Around \$4.8 million—to provide for 18 to 24 new classrooms and teachers—is needed to expand the Public School System’s full-day kindergarten program across the islands, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan.

A majority of schools with kindergarten programs do not offer full-time classes.

Right now, San Vicente, Kagman, and Sinapalo elementary schools offer full-time sessions, according to Sablan, with Gregorio T. Camacho, Oleai, Tinian, William S. Reyes, Ko-

blerville, and Garapan elementary schools offering double-sessions in a day.

According to Sablan, the group of schools with double-sessions needs about 18 new classrooms to accommodate full-time kindergarten.

Students for these schools attend two-hour classes in the morning, with a second session of different students in the afternoon, according to Sablan.

But while SVES and SES offer full-time, this might need reassessment, according to the commissioner.

“San Vicente has an enrollment of at least 22 kids to a classroom, and it should be 20. We want to

bring it down. We need to bring it down to 20,” she said.

The Board of Education promulgates a 20-to-1 student teacher ratio in the primary and elementary, and 25-to-1 ratio in the middle school and high schools.

Sablan said 10 or 15 children per classroom is “about right.”

“They are a group of kids just developing their cognitive and emotional skills. You need to have that 1 on 1, or 5 to 1,” she said, noting that even at home three kids may be a handful for one parent.

The estimated cost to build a new classroom is \$200,000, according to PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburg.

Originally set at 24 class-

rooms and teachers, the opening of new middle schools on island changed this total, according to the Sablan.

### Less teachers, growing schools

The Marianas High School at one point had 50 classroom teachers for 900 to 1,000 students, according to Sablan.

Now with about 1,500 students, the largest on island, they are down to 38 teachers, she said.

“We need about a hundred more classroom teachers to bring down the student teacher ratio [in public schools],” Sablan said.

For MHS, the school would need about 30 more teachers, according to her.

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funds, as per guidelines set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“After Vongfong left us, Homeland Security and FEMA made an assessment for Saipan and Tinian. So far, the assessment did not reach the \$1 million in damages in order to declare a state of disaster,” said acting press secretary Ivan Blanco.

In a text message, HSEM special adviser Marvin K. Seman said his office couldn’t release the damage to Saipan and Tinian in dollar amounts as they “are validating the information first.”

Damage assessment on Rota, which took the brunt of Typhoon Vongfong early Monday morning, has yet to be finalized.

This early, though, Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) is al-

ready vouching that the public damage to Rota following the passage of Vongfong can easily breach, if not exceed, the \$1-million threshold if combined with the damage totals on Saipan and Tinian.

He said this will allow for the governor to request a disaster declaration and pave the way for the islands to receive federal disaster funds.

Manglona said the East Harbor ramp, for one, incurred major damage from the typhoon and could cost a big chunk of money to repair. Rota roads and agricultural crops also got the ire of Vongfong, he said.

“I look forward to the island of Rota getting FEMA funding. Everyone knows that local funds are very limited and we need funds very much to repair our roads and the East Harbor after the typhoon,” Manglona said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) and Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) also look forward to federal disaster assistance if the \$1-million disaster threshold is breached.

Manglona, Hocog, and Santos flow back to Rota immediately after Vongfong passed through the island earlier this week.

Blanco, meanwhile, said Inos is awaiting HSEM’s assessment on Rota before deciding whether to request a disaster declaration from President Barack Obama.

“Rota, they’re still doing the assessment now because of the problem with the flights. If you recall, Cape Air cancelled their flights to the island. Right now they’re still on Rota doing the assessment. They’re still ascertaining the damage and that would include the crops as well as public facilities and homes.”

Blanco also said from what

he gathered from Seman is that most homes that were blown away at the height of Typhoon Vongfong on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota were already termite-infested.

“They’ve seen better days,” he said.

In the event the CNMI reaches the \$1-million public damage, federal funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Insular Affairs, Army Corps, and FEMA, among others, will be provided to the islands, according to Blanco.

He said the Inos administration is also impressed with how emergency responders—both federal and local—performed during Typhoon Vongfong.

“The emergency responders—I was there and I witnessed this first-hand—are professionals. Both the federal and local emergency responders, especially under the leadership of Marvin, performed perfectly.”

Sablan said he thinks about the difficulties of life on Rota all the time and what he can do as a delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives to make life better for people there.

“That’s why I worked so hard to get food stamp benefits raised for Rota—by 62 percent—because food is so expensive. That’s why I continue to work on legislation that could lead to a Rota National Park, because we have to provide a permanent and solid basis for Rota’s economy. And I strongly feel that Rota has a great potential for ecotourism.”

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plication comes in, we have to enter it in our system. We have to check whether they are registered before we can give them the ballots,” Villagomez said.

She could not give exact figures on the number of absentee applications they have received because they’re still processing them.

As of Sept. 25, the Office of the Public Auditor verified over 1,400 requested absentee ballots that CEC would be sending out starting that day. It would take a week, or from seven to 10 days for the ballots to reach the voters.

The over 1,400 requested absentee ballots were lower than the 1,800 requested in previous general elections. This year, however, the number of registered voters is breaking records at 18,002.

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ment will be made. We met CUC and Best Sunshine and they’ve agreed on how it’s going to be done. We should expect by Oct. 11 or 13, that’s when the money should flow. There should be a procedure in place in which residential customers would be given the utility vouchers for credit into their accounts,” said the governor in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Inos said his administration is glad that Best Sunshine is fulfilling its part of the bargain that netted it the exclusive Saipan casino license.

Best Sunshine has committed to plunk down \$7.1 billion to build an integrated casino resort project on Saipan.

“It’s a contract. I’m just happy that they’re able to stick to it,” added Inos.

House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chair Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), meanwhile, wants Best Sunshine to just give the \$10 million outright to CUC.

“I already recommended to Best Sunshine through their counsels, [Viola] Alepuyu and [Charles] McDonald, that rather than going through this application process to determine who’s eligible, why don’t they just give that \$10 million to CUC

and let it determine how much rate relief they can give on the LEAC, which CUC is charging all the customers.”

LEAC stands for levelized energy adjustment clause and is the fuel cost component of consumers’ monthly CUC billing. It goes up and down depending on the price of fuel.

“Give it to CUC and CUC should show consumers how much rate relief they can get from that \$10 million. That I think is more fair,” said Deleon Guerrero.

Rep. Roman Benevente (R-Saipan) seconded Deleon Guerrero’s call.

“I support that [proposal]. I would rather see the \$10 million go to CUC and to LEAC but not to the government’s debt. CUC should say how low they could go with the LEAC charge after they receive the \$10 million. How much they can go down with the LEAC charged to consumers and how long it will last and what percentage is the rate relief?”

Benavente said Deleon Guerrero’s proposal is more equitable in the long run for all residential customers of CUC.

“If you do it across the board and give CUC the money, then more or less CUC can anticipate and earmark how much [is the savings]. It will be across the board and everything is fair, whether you’re Filipino, Chamorro, Chinese, or what, as long as you pay CUC.”

## KILILI

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are not entirely being neglected by Bank of Guam.

“The ATM situation is not really a federal issue. But, of course, I was concerned, so I contacted the Bank of Guam. I understand that they tried to fix the machine, but it is too water-damaged by the typhoon. So the bank has positioned a replacement unit here on Saipan and they are just waiting for the weather to break so it can be shipped to Rota. They are also sending a technician to install

the new ATM and, I am told, he is going to stay there until the ATM arrives and is running,” he said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The delegate said he deeply sympathizes with the people of Rota on the non-working ATM at the airport.

“It is a shame that there is only one ATM on Rota. It makes the island very vulnerable to this kind of disruption. There used to be a second ATM at the Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport, but I understand that the Commonwealth Ports Authority had the bank remove it to make way for other uses



# Wiseman denies motion to recuse from Ogumoro case

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman denied yesterday a motion to recuse himself from presiding over the criminal case of former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro.

Wiseman said no reasonable person with knowledge of all the facts in this case would conclude that his impartiality might be questioned.

"In fact, the court...believes that a reasonable person with knowledge of the surrounding facts of this case would find that the court acted as a neutral and impartial arbiter," Wiseman said.

The judge reminded defense counsel Edward C. Arriola and all attorneys of their obligation to diligently review the merit or basis of their position before asking a judge to recuse himself or herself, just like with any other filing.

The Office of the Public Auditor charged Ogumoro with 15 criminal charges for his role in, among other things, shielding then-attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served with penal summons in August 2012.

Ogumoro, through Arriola, filed the motion to disqualify Wiseman from presiding over the case, citing the judge's appointment of OPA legal counsel George L. Hasselback as special prosecutor for this case. He also pointed out that it was Wiseman who reviewed the affidavit of probable cause supporting an arrest warrant for Ogumoro; it was also Wiseman who issued the arrest warrant.

In his order yesterday, Wiseman said Ogumoro filed the motion on Sept. 2, 2014, and placed his own date of hearing for Sept. 3, 2014.

Wiseman said the motion was not properly on the court's calendar due to it not being consistent with the Commonwealth Rules of Criminal Procedure 45, which requires a five-day period for motions to be heard and the court's policy that it is the court and not counsels that sets the court's hearing date.

Despite these improprieties, the judge said he addressed the motion in general and that, absent any objection, he would rule on the matter without a hearing.

Wiseman said that Ogumoro's reasons are, in effect, an indirect attack on either the constitutionality, or in his opinion, wrongful procedures of several statutes and rules that govern criminal proceedings in the CNMI.

The judge said the appearance of impropriety that Ogumoro claims is based on the court performing judicial functions that it is constitutionality and statutorily authorized and obligated to do.

On the appointment of a special prosecutor, Wiseman said all Superior Court judges on a very frequent basis appoint the Office of Public Defender or private counsel to represent a party or parties in criminal, and some other cases before it.

In addition, Wiseman said, in special situations as in this case the authority exists to appoint a special prosecutor.

Wiseman said these acts of appointing counsel to represent a party, on either side, are judicial functions, and therefore, are not extrajudicial actions.

"To attach some notion that there is an appearance of impropriety to such actions is without merit. A reasonable person would look at such actions and view it as a judge just doing his job," he said.

On the issuance of the arrest warrant, Wiseman said judges perform these functions all the time in the court as well as from their homes when police contact them at night, weekends, and other times that are necessary to process an arrest.

"It is a very basic and frequent function of a judge and any reasonable person would see it as such. It does not in any way create the slightest appearance of impropriety and such claim is also without merit," he added.

Wiseman said a motion for recusal should be filed only after a diligent review of all the facts and a sincere belief that the motion is based on solid and meritorious ground.

Citing a previous ruling, the judge said judicial rulings alone almost never constitute a valid basis for a bias or partiality motion.

Wiseman said a judge is presumed to be impartial, and Ogumoro bears the substantial burden of proving otherwise.

He said Ogumoro has failed to carry his burden and thus failed to demonstrate a right to recusal.

Aside from Ogumoro, OPA

also filed criminal charges against former Commonwealth Ports Authority police chief Jordan L. Kosam, and former CPA police captain John T. Rebuenog along with former governor

Fitial and Fitial's former personal driver and bodyguard Jermaine Joseph W. Nekaifes for their participation in shielding Buckingham from being served with penal summons.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo dismissed the case against Nekaifes at Hasselback's request.

Last Feb. 19, Govendo found Buckingham guilty of all public

corruption charges except one and sentenced him to 3.5 years in prison, all suspended. Govendo recused from presiding over the cases against the remaining defendants.

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## JKPL to host ukulele class for beginners

Ukulele class for beginners is open for registration at the Joteten Kiyu Public Library. The class will be taught every Thursday for eight sessions from Oct. 16 to Dec. 4. It will be from 4pm to 5pm. The minimum age requirement is 8 years old. Adults are welcome. A \$50 prepayment is required.

Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to

hold music sheets and parents or guardians must sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their children who are minors and also must adhere to the public library policies and procedures.

Deadline to register is on Oct. 11. The minimum enrollment is 15 students and maximum is 40. For more information contact JKPL at 235-7316, 235-7322 and ask for Erlinda Naputi. (PR)



# Investment in education pays huge dividends

An investment in public education reaps big returns for the Commonwealth.

This was the common sentiment of students who spoke favorably of House Legislative Initiative 18-12 that proposes to guarantee a quarter of every dollar of the CNMI budget for public education.

Marianas High School student Nickles Salmon believes the initiative is worth considering by voters this November election.

"It is incumbent upon the voters to give the Public School System the guarantee that it will be able to implement programs aimed at raising the quality of education. With the current situation, I am one of the students who be-

lieve that funding truly needs to trickle down to the public schools," said Salmon.

He said the quality of education suffers in big classes. "We are 40 to 50 students in a class. It's very disruptive. It's hard to listen," he said.

Fellow 12th grade student Pavan Hemlani agrees.

"We really could not pay attention. It is always a struggle to learn," he said.

Both said that H.L.I. 18-12 will enable their school and other schools in the Commonwealth to hire more teachers, which will reduce student-teacher ratios.

If the initiative succeeds, MHS students, they said, will no longer be walking through flooded walkways.

"We are sometimes late for class as we wait for the rain to stop," they said. "With more funding, the school may be able to fix its drainage and stop [the] flooding."

On Tinian, Keithley Marquez said HLI 18-12 means a guaranteed increase in the annual budget for public schools.

"This is what we students demand. We want our school to improve our learning environment by hiring more teachers, providing supplies in the classrooms, and advancing student learning through modern resources."

The THS student said their school needs more teachers, specifically science teachers, so a bigger PSS budget would allow that, which would also

means reduced class sizes.

"If HLI 18-12 gets approved, Tinian High School would have the opportunity to own computers that would benefit students who are taking online classes or simply to make learning easier," said Marquez.

Marquez said the school is their second home, yet "facilities in our campuses lack maintenance and sanitary resources."

"Our worn-out buildings and other facilities would be repaired and improved for the safety of all students if only HLI 18-12 gets approved," Marquez added.

Tinian Jr. Sr. High School student Odorico D. San Nicolas also asked the public to support H.L.I. 18-12.

"We are in a time when we

have all these gadgets to help us learn 'easily' but even with all this 'opportunity' we have nothing to jump-start this advancement," San Nicolas said. "Why is it that when you walk into a classroom on Saipan, you see technological advancements such as smart boards, projectors, working desktops, and printers? On Tinian, our classrooms have computers and projectors only."

Not that San Nicolas is complaining over this. His beef is more with Tinian's lack of teachers, working Internet access, sanitary facilities, and a gym.

"We don't have enough teachers, but we still can produce top students. We don't have proper Internet access to meet the demand of required courses online due to the lack of teachers, but we still can produce. The main point being, that even with the lack of resources, our school can produce. However, in order to produce *more* we need *more*. And in order to get *more* we need you to *vote yes*," said San Nicolas.

"I recall hearing we would be the future of the CNMI and that is why education is so strongly endorsed. Start now! Voting yes to this proposed budget increase would mean an earlier start for building our leaders. A longer kindergarten program would benefit the younger children by allowing them more time to master basic communication skills—extremely important for future leaders of our community," he said.

Saipan Southern High School's Arianne Narvaez believes that increased funding for public schools will help provide more classroom resources, help with renovation, provide more kindergarten programs, and overall help with our education.

Narvaez said that at SSHS, they only have one printer—which means a limited amount of copies for teachers to give students.

"For homework and class work, I do not have a problem doing it online. But when it comes to quizzes and tests, because of the lack of copies our teachers are allowed, we have to project the problem on the board and is given a limited time to match everyone's pace. My grade could've been better. With the help of more funds, we'll probably be able to get a printer and we will have hard copies for quizzes and tests. Some classrooms don't have a working projector either!" she said.

She also sees an increased funding could help rehabilitate old facilities and provide students with a safe environment conducive to learning.

"So many schools have paints peeling off from the walls, holes on the roof, cracks in the ceilings, restrooms with unusable toilets, and things that could be renovated. With

a cleaner and repaired school, students will feel more safe and comfortable and can learn in this better environment."

She also echoed Dr. Rita Salblan's statement that children could not attend kindergarten because of the lack of teachers and programs for them.

Narvaez said, "Our future depends on our foundation and for most kids kindergarten is our foundation. To have more leaders, more successful students, we need these kindergarten programs."

For SSHS senior Loria Dee T. Hocog, HLI 18-12 is a very important initiative that was crafted to benefit all students. "It is important because it will provide a better educational experience for all of us," she said.

As to the four initiatives under H.L.I. 18-12, Hocog said these four initiatives will allow students to have the learning experience they deserve and bring them up to par with their peers nationwide.

"It will provide funding for the kindergarten program, an important stepping stone in the education of a student because this is where the student is introduced to the classroom environment, where the student starts learning how to interact with others, and more. This initiative will also give the teachers an opportunity to add more lessons and rigorous materials that will challenge and keep the students motivated and eager to learn."

She also said the modernization and updates with technology and instructional materials will allow students to receive up-to-date education, like what is offered in the mainland, to prepare each student for college.

"All the four keys under this initiative will help each student and give them a chance at a better education and further grease their wheels and stir them toward a better and brighter future," said Hocog.

Kagman High School student Wendy Nicholas agrees that the initiative needs the community's support.

"It's important to me as a student because with 18-12, I won't ever have to complain about our classes being hot due to broken air-conditioning units we can't afford to fix. H.L.I. 18-12 benefits me as a student because it will help us with materials that are needed in our classroom. The passage of 18-12 will help not only the teachers but also the students," she said.

Fellow 12th grade student Lisa Marie Guzman says the initiative will help create a much better learning environment.

"We want our school to be clean. We can't work in a dirty environment. H.L.I. 18-12 will provide more money to provide the cleaning supplies needed to keep our campus clean," she said. (PSS)



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# Public schools pass post-typhoon inspections

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All Public School System schools have passed inspections in the wake of Super Typhoon Vongfong, with mostly minimal damage to school grounds.

The biggest issue, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, was a downed power line at Marianas High School that forced the campus to close on Wednesday as the lines were within

the reach of students.

"It was a very dangerous risk," Sablan said.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. brought in an additional power pole and took care of the issue at about 3pm that day, according to Sablan.

Also on Wednesday, Kagman High School had its main power panel shut down to avoid burning out equipment caused by the constant flickering of power, the commissioner said. CUC also was there to assist.

"I'm glad CUC came out and supported and did what they had to do," she said.

Public schools on the island of Rota mostly had fallen de-

bris and trees.

"There was collaboration on the island of Rota, from the municipality office to the school system, coming together

to clean up the debris, cut up fallen trees, and get the schools ready," she said.

On Tinian, a similar cleanup was done, and power did not

come on until yesterday afternoon, according to the commissioner.

Assessment will be reported to the Board of Education today.

## Local holiday arts and craft show on Sunday in Susupe

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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Island artists will be hosting a holiday arts and crafts show this Sunday, Oct. 12, from 8am to 5pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Leaf-print paintings, pandanus leaf weaving, hats, head flowers, and *mwar mwar*s will be featured with holiday items, stocking stuffers, birthday gifts, and pre-order crafts for sale.

"We want to provide the CNMI people and tourists our products that we do locally as artists. We want to promote these works and encourage our young generations to know that this is who we are and what we are," said Tokie Mojica, one of the artists involved in the project.

The show will also have Jill Arenovski, Flower Sablan, Ernie Davis, Mark and Tammy James, and Nevis Camacho—all of whom are registered artists on island, according to Mojica.

Mojica, who has been hand-

crafting on island for 17 years, said the event will host an array of cultures from the Marshalls, CNMI, United States, Samoa, Philippines, and Fiji.

"Regardless of our different backgrounds, we all connect and unite with our work," she said.

If the event, sponsored and organized by the artists themselves, is successful, there would be more like this throughout the year, Mojica said.

She said the group may form an organization to better get what they do out there if successful.

"We strongly feel our art is dying. Hopefully young people can learn from us and carry on our traditions. We are asking for the public to come and support us. We can't do it without their help," she said.

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## 11<sup>th</sup> Sengebau Poetry Competition coming up

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine N. Sengebau is nearing and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council is gearing up and inviting all public and private junior high and high schools in the CNMI to join.

The event will be held at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theatre on Oct. 22 starting at 6:30pm.

Humanities Council program

officer Eulalia S. Villagomez said a notice of competition that includes detailed information about the event has been sent to private and public school administrators.

"Each school is asked to select two representatives," Villagomez said.

The deadline to submit the names and poems of their representatives is on Oct. 17 at 4pm.

The competition will have two divisions: junior and senior.

The junior division includes junior high and middle school participants who must recite a poem from Sengebau's book, *Microchild*. The poem must be from the Cultural Identity, Politics, or Images sections; and students are asked to give a one- to three-minute introduction explaining why they chose that

specific poem.

Under the senior division, high school contestants must submit original poems of any form that does not exceed 250 words. Poems must address themes relating to culture, identity, and/or change in the NMI.

A panel of judges will score submitted poems for content prior to the event.

"For both divisions, recit-

als will be scored by a panel of judges at the event. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the final competition," Villagomez said.

First place in each division will have their names and school names inscribed on perpetual trophies that will be housed at the winning schools until the following year's competition.

Cash prizes will also be awarded. First place will get \$250; second place, \$150; and third place, \$100.

This competition supports the work of young Micronesian poets and honors the legacy of Micronesia's foremost poet, Sengebau.

Sengeba spent the last 25 years of his life in his adopted home of Saipan composing dozens of poems that were published in the *Micronesian Reporter* and the *Marianas Variety*.

For more information or if your school has not received the notice of competition, contact Villagomez at 235-4785. (PR)

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# Hyatt's Oktoberfest is a celebration of all things German



MARK RABAGO

Hyatt Regency Saipan's Oktoberfest celebration tomorrow evening will feature platters full of the German homeland's best sausages, sauerkraut, and handcrafted soft pretzel.

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I can sum up the sample menu Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabrielle Colombo prepared for their Oktoberfest celebration tomorrow evening into three words: Super Bowl food.

OK, it may be an over-simplified description of German fare but if you really think long

and hard about it, Deutschland cuisine is never far from tailgate parties, let's say, outside TFC Bank Stadium, which is home to the Minnesota Vikings.

Colombo gave us platters full of the German homeland's best sausages, sauerkraut, and handcrafted soft pretzel. While I wasn't particularly fond of sauerkraut, the assorted meat products encased in animal

intestines blew me away. The pretzels were a tad bit salty than what I'm used too but it complemented the neutral taste of the spatze.

Sausages like hotdogs can be grilled and German pretzels are also akin to the salty snacks served during Monday Night Football.

Hyatt executive sous chef Jeffrey Fisher seem to agree with the analogy, equating German cuisine to the type of food that the average football-loving male usually want to eat.

"German food by nature is very meat heavy and very protein food. It's just a very heavy food. The sausages have a lot of fat. It's very cold in Germany so the climate makes you eat very heavy foods. It's simple spices, simple flavors, simple season-

ing and lots of it."

And let's not forget that like football tailgate parties, Oktoberfest will not be complete without imbibing some alcoholic beverage. However, in the case of tomorrow evening's celebration of all things German, Hyatt will be offering limited-quantity Munich beer Hofbrauhaus Munchen and California beer Gordon Biersch Hefeweizen and Pilsner.

To top it all off—and not found in your usual tailgate parties—Oktoberfest at the Hyatt will also feature German chocolate cake and, boy, you have to try it to remind yourself that German ingenuity is not confined to making Beemers and Benzs.

Pastry sous chef Wendy

Lehman, whose ancestry is German and has visited Germany several times, attests to the uniqueness of German desserts.

"German desserts focus mostly on apples and chocolate. It's either going to be an apple dessert like apple strudel that we have here or a German chocolate cake, which is a little different from traditional chocolate cake because it has some coconuts and pecans, which are nice and cooked all together. You don't find that anywhere else in Europe. It's unique."

Colombo invites everyone to Hyatt's Oktoberfest, which is also known as "die Wiesen," tomorrow starting at 6pm at Kili Cafe. Aside from all-you-can-eat German specials and

authentic German beer, tourists and locals guests alike will also enjoy free-flowing wine and local foodies.

"It's a popular venue to come together and enjoy German and European specialties. We're lucky this year we get to import Munich beer to pair with all the food we're going to provide," Colombo said.

Throughout the month of October, Hyatt will also make available pastry chef Desman Tumangger's delicious creations like the German chocolate cake, salted caramel apple tart, and pumpkin rye bread at DJ's Corner.

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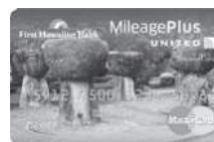
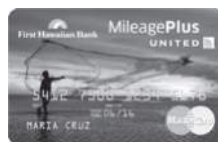
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## ASNMC officers sworn into office

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Officers for the Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College were sworn in at an investiture ceremony yesterday.

The students were joined by parents, friends and college officials, and were encouraged to be the voice for their fellow students.

"Some of the best decisions made as an administrator at the college was not forgetting that I was once a student, and putting myself in their shoes," Manny Castro, the college's director of admission said in his opening remarks.

He encouraged the officers to listen to the students as much as they could, and that "a great chief was an ordinary Indian first."

"Keep that to heart and let that guide you," he said.

Riya Nathrani was sworn in as ASNMC president, Salvi Villanueva as vice president, Andrew Villanueva as secretary, and Roman Tudela as treasurer.

Adrian Pangelinan, Keisuke Yoshida, and Guadalupe Camacho were sworn in as senators.

"As your newly elected president, I will take into account each of your interests and voices in the many issues we will face in the upcoming year," Nathrani said in her speech.

Nathrani addressed the college's Board of Regents last month over a proposed tuition and fee hike. She presented a survey and petition challenging the hike.

Student Services dean Leo Pangelinan encouraged the officers to be a part of the decision making at the college and not let their voices be muffled as there are a lot of issues on the table, like talks of tuition increase or offering more four-year bachelor's programs.

"Sometimes when you're not visible and we don't hear your voice, it's out of mind, out of sight,"

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### EDITORIAL

## The rich give less as those with less give more

**H**ere's news to warm Scrooge's heart. Americans who have the most are giving more—to themselves.

Even as the income inequality gap yawns wider, the wealthiest Americans have reduced the percentage of income they give to charity while the poor and middle class are giving more. Between 2006 and 2012, top earners reduced the percentage of income they gave to charity by 4.6 percent while those earning less than \$100,000 donated 4.5 percent more of their income, according to an analysis of IRS data conducted by the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

The shift may not be as simple as a divergence between the stingy rich and the generosity of everyone else. For one, incomes of the nation's highest earners have soared, meaning that even a cut in percentage can still produce an increase in dollars contributed. Donations from wealthier Americans increased \$4.6 billion, adjusted for inflation, to \$77.5 billion between 2006 and 2012, Forbes reported. However, the collective wealth of Americans in the Forbes 400 grew by \$1.04 trillion in that period.

Some giving by the wealthy may be affected by changes in tax law or the rich may be giving from resources other than their incomes. Still, it's discouraging that the bonanza enjoyed by the upper crust in a time of flat wages for the working class isn't translating into giving a greater share to charity.

Now that many of the well-off regard paying taxes as a government confiscation rather than a civic duty, it's not surprising that they may be less inclined to feel a charitable obligation to civic betterment or the needs of their fellow man.

Still, there is good and heartening news in the Chronicle's report that those with less are giving more. That is the highest form of charity—to give from one's need rather than from one's excess. Perhaps the lean years since the Great Recession hit have reminded more Americans of their vulnerabilities and softened their attitudes toward others in need.

The Chronicle's editor, Stacy Palmer, told Forbes: "Lower and middle-income people know people who lost their jobs or are homeless, and they worry that they themselves are a day away from losing their jobs. They're very sensitive to the needs of other people and recognize that these years have been hard."

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## Chow and choice at Central

**I**t was 1974 in Hong Kong when a colleague showed me her business making votive candles for Hallmark. I expected a storefront shop with a couple of employees. I was shown instead a highly mechanized production and the operation made her family afford a 20-story building when Aberdeen was just a fishing village. They also lived in a compound on exclusive Pok Fu Lam Rd. It did not hurt that her father traded the candle-making ingredients in fireworks and armaments.

She was the eldest in the family who attended college in Regina, Saskatchewan, cut short when her father died. She wanted the best for her family. She wanted to bring assets out of HK as China began talking about its return to Beijing's administration. I met her in the Philippines on a trip to scout possible investment in real estate. She had no qualms about China. In fact, she had the classical "round face" of the Tang Dynasty, and the full body to go with it! In '74, she did not wish to entrust her finances with Beijing!

I came through Kowloon nine years earlier on my voyage to San Francisco as a student bound for the U.S. via Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu before going under the Golden Gate. I remember being asked when I was 8, after I opened a Postal Savings Bank account that had my deposits equaled by mother, what I would do with the money. I answered, "I will take a trip to China." I was 20 when I made the trip to Hong Kong. The image of the coolie-drawn rickshaw and the deceptively rowdy but well-orchestrated sidewalk *chow mien* noodle shops at night were China enough to me.

In 1989, I finally visited the mainland, hitting Beijing's Tiananmen Square and its Forbidden City shortly after the June workers' uprising, saw Qin Shi Huangdi's terra cotta army in Xi'an, walked the Bund looking abandoned and dilapidated in Shanghai with Huangpu overcrowded and the French Quarters neglected, to the well-tended gardens in Suzhou and the tranquil West Lake of Hangzhou. It was an experience traversing China by air and rail when Deng Xiao Peng and China went into reform and was opening up in earnest.

I was in and out of HK in the '70s and early '80s, then in and out of the mainland since '89 to the present. Thus it came as a parochial view to read the online edition of *Time Magazine* quoting David Shambaugh of George Washington U's China program as telling the *New York Times* that China was going through its most repressive period in 25 years, the years covering my first visit to Beijing to the present.

I was a resident of Washington, D.C. within the beltway on the Virginia side half of the '90s, being Mr. Mom while married to an officer of the State Department. Shambaugh directs the GWU China program so he presumably gets his materials from the CIA. "Repressive" is par for the course!

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The prominence of Alex Chow in Occupy Central in Hong Kong hinges on the perception of "choice" in the nomination process of HK's projected universal suffrage of 2017. The group Occupy Central has annual marches through the financial district of HK, and this year Alex, the newly elected chair of the Federation of Students in HK, went off script. After the march, locked arm-in-arm with fellow students, he led a sit-down on the main traffic of the Central District chanting, "Our government, our choice."

With China's national week starting Oct. 1, Occupy Central for Peace and Democracy, et al, including a Baptist minister, planned a rally but 17-year-old Joshua Wong of Scholarism led the protest on Sept. 28, and everyone who had any gripes in HK tagged along. The rally tapped into the anticipated weeklong vacation, and before he could light the fireworks, HK's XO was asked to step down.

The "choice" at Central in HK knows what it is against but unclear of what it is for. For many students who had been taught imaginal rather than actual democracy, it is being against China. Vested interests in the West fanned the flames of protest as a matter of reflex action, involving U.S. policy that moved less inclusive but assertive of the claimed prerogatives of "American exceptionalism" since Jimmy Carter.

U.S. "meddling," a claimed prerogative of the self-appointed world police, fomented the Arab Spring, and now, Occupy Central in HK. It quickly lent its support to Occupy Central.

Deng Xiaoping did Meg Thatcher one better when he came up with the formula of "one country, two systems." In his reform and opening up, he allowed choices in economics as long as the political structure is left alone. It worked in China and he meant to go further with it in HK.

I am not one to condemn the US of A as malevolent. After all, a country that elected a "black" President cannot be all that bad. But I know that less than a third of registered voters vote, and occupy Main and Elm, ironically and hypocritically condemned in the U.S. by virtually everyone, is the U.S.' darling in Occupy Central HK.

Choice, not ideology, but the practice thereof, is the democratic call of the times.



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## From Saipan to the south pole

In the wake of Super Typhoon Vongfong you might feel like you need a break from reality. Well, I'm just the man for that, so let's indulge some armchair travel. I'm going to pick a destination that's pretty weird so we can lose ourselves in some new thoughts.

As for the destination, it's the south pole.

Oh, not the Earth's South Pole. It already gets plenty of attention in documentaries and cute penguin photos.

No, today's armchair flight is to our galaxy's south pole. This is known, logically enough, as the galactic south pole. It's certainly weird enough to take your mind away from your earthly concerns.

In fact, not only is there a galactic south pole, but it's also visible from Saipan this time of year.

Will I tell you how to find it? Yes, I will.

Is it worth finding? Oh, no. Not at all.

To the bare eyeball it's just a bald patch of black sky. But it's sure an esoteric score, since even many seasoned star-gazers are unaware of it.

Before we get to the "where," let's kick around the "what." To contemplate that gig, we'll look at the basic shape of our little slice of the universe.

If we could look at our home galaxy, the Milky Way, from edge-on, we'd see that it's shaped like a flying saucer. It's basically disk-

shaped with a bulge in the center. This is a common thing with a lot of galaxies, so it's not like we're special in this regard.

In a real flying saucer the center is filled with Martians along with their scientific gear so they can, of course, buzz around trailer parks and give people unsolicited probings. Our galaxy's center bulge, by contrast, contains a dense core of stars, plus a giant black hole just to keep things interesting. The rest of the stars, including our sun, are basically spread out within the galactic disk.

Assuming the sky conditions are reasonably good, the Milky Way's disk is easy to see; hey, we live in it, so it's all around us. It's the bright, wide band of starlight that goes across the night sky. This band is often called the "Milky Way," but what people really mean is that it's the disk, or plane, of the Milky Way. After all, with very few exceptions, anything and everything you see with the bare eye is actually within the Milky Way galaxy.

Anyway, if we look away from the plane by 90 degrees, we're looking in a polar direction. If we look "up," this direction is called the north galactic pole. If we look "down," this direction is the south galactic pole. So these are just imaginary lines in space. Incidentally, I believe that the sun is the galactic reference point for these lines, but this isn't a detail that a slob like me has to heed.

When these imaginary lines are extended to the geometric realities of how we view the heavens, the poles can be plotted as

## Court: Boys, it's the law!

The claim by the administration and Legislature of exemption from the Open Government Act was reportedly shot down by the Superior Court this week.

The Wiseman court told Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero, Reps. Rafael S. Demapan and Felicidad T. Ogumoro, and Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres that they can't exit the lawsuit filed by Glenn Hunter by hiding behind "legislative immunity."

Interesting how this cabal thought it could leapfrog its way out of the OGA, relying on a suspect House rule. But the judge caught them trying to jump over the rails from the second floor of the judicial building.

Attorney Jennifer Dockter pointed out that the CNMI passed a popular initiative that bound the Legislature and the lawmakers to the OGA. But why would the cabal venture a government of fiat—choosing which laws to follow or ignore—while everybody else must abide by them? Isn't the NMI a government of laws "of the people, for the people and by the people?" Where did you guys miss boarding the ship?

Said Wiseman: "Open Government Act statutes supersede common law enrolled bill." He pointed out that "legislator defendants have not satisfied their burden of proving they are entitled to legislative immunity, as there is no evidence that attending a meeting constitutes protected legislative activity as envisioned by the framers of the CNMI Constitution. Legislators' attendance at a meeting held without proper public notice may be considered incidental to legislative affairs, but it cannot be said to be part of the legislative process itself."

"The court does not find that attending a meeting rises to the level of legislative activity as contemplated by the framers of the CNMI Constitution, as they only specifically mention protection for legislative committees and legislative reports," Judge Wiseman said.

"Furthermore, the court would be remiss to allow defendants to use the doctrine of legislative immunity as a shield against liability by claiming that their allegedly prohibited acts were merely 'legislative activity' where they simultaneously insist that actions taken in contravention of explicit, written CNMI law are typical in the formulation of policy, and that such typical actions do not violate applicable CNMI law. The court finds this argument to be logically flawed and disingenuous at best."

The laws of the NMI must be followed, including the cabal that thinks it could willfully skirt statutes it feels very uncomfortable with. Now, did you meticulously adhere to rules governing introduction of legislation? Was there an author or was the casino legislation stamped "by request?" If you failed this procedural issue, would you then agree that actions taken on the casino law was illegal? What's there to hide anyway? What happened to your spouts about transparency? Or is it a standard applied only in seesaw fashion per your convenience?

### Reassessing our future

Most decent countries in the world use the principal concept "Linear Progress" to measure its growth and achievements for its people. It reviews its achievement delving into adaptability, meritocracy, and legitimacy.

Using a set of plans with vision, rhetoric and mechanism or ve-

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hicle, was the NMI ever engaged in any serious review in order to move from issues point A to B in the creation of economic prosperity over the last 10 years? Or did we simply sink into complacency and mediocrity?

If nothing significant has happened then it stands to reason that we basically pushed our canoe out to the open waters saying, "happy sailing." Whatever happened to "planning for" our future?

### Discussion of indigenous issues

We've begun informal discussions to define the identity of the indigenous people seesawing between tradition and modernity. Displaced, we glide like white doves over 400 years of change forcibly imposed by every colonial power that set foot on these isles. Indefatigably, our spirit long for what is ours as indigenous people of this archipelago.

In earnest, we ask rudimentary queries like what is the indigenous cultural identity of these isles? Is it in ancestral icons like legendary Taga and his latte stone? Is it in our ancestral relationship with the land and sea? Is it in our local vernacular or Chamorro? The list could go on but is it an issue we could define and pass on to our children in orature or written literature? Though a difficult undertaking, we can no longer postpone nor ignore it. It has to be done forthwith so we have something to begin sharing with our children.

In formulating the framework for initial discussion, do we focus exclusively on Chamorro or Carolinian or both, premised on historical facts? Or do we go for an inclusive paradigm, taking the social changes here over the last 40-60 years? The latter pertains to the shift to a multicultural, multiracial and multilingual NMI.

Do we embrace an inclusive multi-tiered approach by constructing new cultural ballast to be accommodating, including the view that tradition retards socio-economic growth? Does it mean the creation of a political ecosystem—an artificial reef—where every fish could learn to adapt to its new surroundings?

What about cultural tradition that made us uniquely a people of these isles? Why can't we hold on to a natural reef that is part of our surroundings and a permanent source of sustenance for over 400 years?

Personally, there's no animus for the rapacious nature of colonial history in these isles. Fortunately, every attempt to permanently annihilate our mother tongue failed. The reason is simple: It is a permanent part of our spiritual being since birth.

We have to resolve our cultural identity lest we slowly slide and accommodate the submission that we would live as the new minority right here at home. Is this archipelago home or just another place in the tropical sun of paradise? Is there a difference between a "place" and "home"?

### By ED STEPHENS

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points on a chart. They are fixed points on the charts, just as the stars are, but from Earth's perspective all this stuff is constantly moving relative to us.

This time of year, the north galactic pole isn't visible from Saipan. But the south galactic pole is. Unfortunately, nature has not seen fit to endow this line of sight with any bright stars, so it's as empty as a gas tank before payday.

I tried to concoct an easy, beach chair way to find the south galactic pole from Saipan tonight, though it's likely that clouds will be in the way. But I'll mention my idea anyway. As a landmark, or I guess I should say skymark, the moon is easy to see, so we'll use that. And as a measurer we'll keep in mind that a fist, at arm's length, covers 10 degrees of arc. Here's what I came up with:

At 11pm tonight, from Saipan, the moon will be hanging roughly 50 degrees (five fists) over the eastern horizon. If you look at the moon, and slide your gaze 80 degrees to your right (which will be toward the south), maintaining the five-fist altitude over the horizon, you'll be looking at the south galactic pole. Or at least you'll be close enough to it to win a cigar if anyone took up the wager. And that's all you'll win, since, like I said, to the bare eyeball, there's nothing there.

But for folks who point optics at the sky, there is a very juicy sight nearby. It's one of the brightest galaxies in the sky. This is called (take your pick) the Silver Dollar Galaxy, the Sculptor Galaxy, or the more nerdy-sounding NGC 253. It was discovered by Caroline Herschel in 1783.

If you do a Web search for that galaxy you'll uncover a lot of good pictures. It's a very lively galaxy, called a "star burst," and it's something of a celestial maternity ward, brimming with hot blue stars that were just born. The blue from those stars is clearly visible on the photos.

Well, that concludes this armchair tour. You are now returned to your earthly concerns, including typhoons, Ebola, and the usual swirling currents of human consternation.

Gee, with all that to contend with, maybe the galactic south pole isn't so bad after all.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### I hear you

Two storms came by and one knocked down power lines. Although power went out for about two to three days, we are fortunate no one got hurt. Carrying pails of water for shower will only test my strength if my youth is still with me. Despite what we believe is stressful, we should be mindful this is nothing compared to other catastrophes in other parts of the world.

Even without a storm, there are homes without power or water. I shouldn't complain as my issues are just crumbs compared to what other people face. I've seen people going the extra mile providing electricity and water to their neighbors. That's the CNMI I know. That's the CNMI I love. Our hearts are bigger than our pockets and we should leave it at that.

Even before the storm, I see puddles large enough to be called lakes. I see potholes large enough to be called craters. Shut-off street lights enough to be called a blackout. These are the many things that our leaders promised every two years. The problem is, you can't play a record on a modern CD player. The rhetoric heard over loudspeakers means nothing after Nov. 4. All goes silent after that. Common sense will tell you that you don't have to fix everything all at once. At the very least, one accomplishment is good enough every two years. Call it a breakthrough if you will.

When you or someone you know has done good in the community by helping others, pat them on the back or shake their hand. In closing, I would like to thank those few individuals for taking their time stopping to help the homeless woman in front of Mt. Carmel Cathedral holding up a sign. Thank you and God bless!

### Vince Go Cabrera

Precinct 1 candidate

House of Representatives



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲83 ▼79
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲84 ▼80
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼82

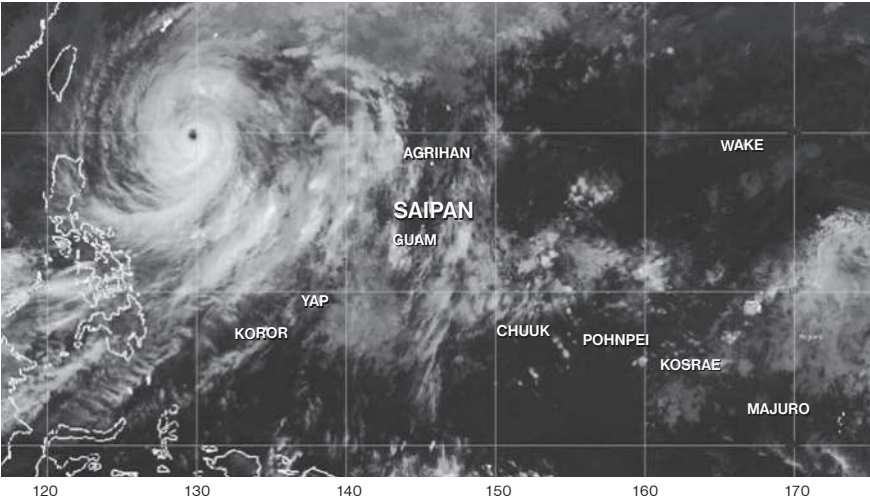
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲64 ▼49
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼54
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼77
London	Showers	▲63 ▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼76
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲76 ▼53
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼77
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲64 ▼53
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼64
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼53
Pusan	Windy	▲74 ▼62
Rome	Sunny	▲82 ▼62
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲79 ▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼56
Seoul	Sunny	▲79 ▼51
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼63
Washington, DC	Showers	▲67 ▼55

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
10:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:01 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
9:25 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Super Typhoon Vongfong (19W) is centered 505 miles south-southeast of Okinawa near 19N130E and moving northwest at 6 mph with maximum sustained winds of 165 mph. Heavy rain, numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the center between 15N and 23N from 130E to 133E. Converging southwest to south winds feeding into Vongfong are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Koror and Yap within 175 miles of a line from 11N130E to 17N141E to 23N138E. For more information on Vongfong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Scattered showers are occurring south of a stationary front between 23N and 25N from 130E to 150E. A monsoon trough runs southeastward from Super Typhoon Vongfong through a weak circulation centered southeast of Guam near 11N149E to end at 1N156E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Koror and Yap within 35 miles of a line from 6N133E to 8N137E east of Yap between 6N and 12N from 139EW to 142E and east of the Marianas between 9N and 21N from 146E to 151E. A surface trough running northeastward from east of Kosrae at 3N166E ends at 12N179E and a convergence zone running from 5N177E eastward to beyond the date line together are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Majuro between 3N and 12N from 170E to 180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:31 PM	7:32 AM
Saturday	8:21 PM	8:30 AM
Sunday	9:12 PM	9:26 AM
Monday	10:03 PM	10:20 AM
Tuesday	10:54 PM	11:11 AM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm 1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm 2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm 2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm 2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm 3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:40am Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
QZ606	2:20am	6:00am 1	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm 5, 7
QZ606	2:50am	6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	QZ603	8:50am	2:20pm Daily
7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm 5, 7	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
QZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm Daily	QZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	QZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	4:00am	8:00am 4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1 3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am 1, 5	MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am 2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
QZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am 1 via ICN	QZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm Daily via ICN
QZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm 1, 5 via GUM
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am 3, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm 1, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm 2, 5 via GUM	DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1 Daily via NRT
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN			ROTA TO SAIPAN		
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# Dear soba (aka instant noodles)

We need to talk. And please don't make this any harder than it has to be...this really is not very easy for me. We've been through so much together and, truth be told, I never would have made it this far without you. Who could forget college? I mean breakfast, lunch, and dinner together for all those days, weeks, and even months at a time sometimes? I swear, if not for you and, of course, Mac Aroni, I really could not have sustained myself all those years ago. You literally were my life-saver—always ready and waiting to jump into the fire for me...for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health. Just the thought of all those steamy days and nights in kitchen after kitchen...well, it kinda makes me wanna cry.

But that gets me back to now...and why we need to talk. I'm sure you've noticed I've been a little distant lately, opting more and more to spend time with Subway Wheat and all of her Veggie sidekicks. You should know too that Mr. Brown Rice and his girlfriend (or rather friend that is a girl, as he puts it), White Meat (a.k.a. Chicken Breast), have been inviting themselves over more often and have taken it upon themselves to bring Spinach Broccoli who they say would be good for me. Can you imagine me with a vegan, fitness instructor? It's almost laughable. I hope you know that I really don't want someone else to take your place, but I do think that maybe you and I need to spend a little less time together (or maybe stop hanging out at all). It's not you, really, it's me—I'm just not as young as I use to be and you (with your endless calories and silky smooth noodles) never seem to ease up. The thing is that I just can't keep up with you anymore. It seems like since Meta Bolism stabbed me in the back and disappeared on that fateful night of my fortieth birthday, I just feel weighted down all the time. Yeah, I know you weren't there. I told you I was sorry about that, but you know how I get around Local Foods and Diet Coke. Anyway, I was saying that without my buffer, I feel like I'm carrying the weight of two men when we hang out.

I suppose things might have been different, if Greasy and Salty weren't always hanging around too. And no, I don't want to get in between you and your friends, but every once in a while it might have been nice if we could have had some time alone. Just you and me without having to deal with those belligerent jerks—I don't care if you tell them I said that...you know and I know that every time trouble breaks out, those two are usually mixed up in it somehow. And now, just because they're tight with Diabetes who apparently made an absolute killing with them in their early years and contin-

ues to rack in a steady flow even now with their help, they think it gives them license to do whatever they want without any regard for people's feel-

ings, much less people's age, ethnicity, or status in the community. And the thing is, we all keep tiptoeing around them like we're all too afraid of what

might happen if they suddenly disappeared. I mean when was the last time you heard of those two assuming any kind

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### HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-1 (English)

This initiative proposes a constitutional amendment to change the definition of Northern Marianas descent (NMD) as used in Article XII and its restriction of ownership of long-term interests in land to persons of NMD. This would be a change from the current definition where a person is NMD if s/he is 1) a citizen or national of the United States and is 2) of at least one-quarter Northern Marianas Chamorro or Northern Marianas Carolinian blood or a combination thereof or 3) an adopted child of a person of Northern Marianas descent if adopted while under the age of eighteen years.

- (1) No change to the requirement of US citizenship or national status is proposed.
- (2) The blood quantum definition would be changed from ¼ blood quantum to "some degree." However, the constitutional amendment requires a person who has less than 25% quantum of Chamorro/Carolinian blood to file and prove their claim of status with the CNMI Superior Court.
- (3) Adopted children would not be included as NMD unless they were NMD at birth to their biological family.

The proposed amendment also specifies the evidentiary burden in court proceedings (preponderance of the evidence) and standard of review on appeal (de novo).

The purpose of the proposed initiative is to conform the Constitutional definition of NMD to the 18th Legislature's opinion of what should be considered NMD. No further statement of public purpose or findings in support of the proposal are given.

### PROS

The change to "some degree" of Northern Marianas Chamorro or Carolinian blood or combination thereof increases the pool of persons considered NMD. As NMDs marry persons from outside of the pool of NMDs, each successive generation has a smaller quantum of blood status. This change would allow each succeeding generation to claim NMD status, so long as they could trace their ancestry back to at least one person of NMD status. This change is consistent with the pattern and practice of marriage and family that is already prevalent in the CNMI and would help preserve land ownership along family lines. It is consistent with a "cultural" viewpoint of NMD.

The change to exclude adopted children from the classification of NMD would decrease the pool of persons considered NMD. It is consistent with a "racial" viewpoint of NMD.

### CONS

The change to "some degree" of blood quantum dilutes the value of bloodlines. Eventually someone with less than .1% of Chamorro or Carolinian ancestry would still qualify as NMD. This amplification of the definition of NMD is inconsistent with the "racial" viewpoint of NMD.

The change to eliminate adopted children from NMD status means that NMDs will not be able to pass full ownership of their land on to all of their children if any of their children were adopted from non-NMD parents. This would apply whether the adopted child was originally from Micronesia or the US or some foreign country. This would create a different classification among children who would otherwise be equal. It also means that children adopted by NMDs could not become fully integrated into NMD culture as they would not be permitted to participate in land ownership. Even a child adopted at birth and raised for an entire lifetime in an NMD culture, speaking the language and being a member of an NMD family, would not be NMD. This treatment of adopted children is not consistent with Chamorro or Carolinian cultural norms, and is not consistent with community standards for family integrity and the best interests of children. It is inconsistent with the "cultural" viewpoint of NMD.

The requirement that NMDs who claim status based on less than 25% quantum blood get a court determination could become onerous on the judicial branch, as well as on the NMD claimants. The amendment as written does not limit this requirement to cases where NMD status is contested, but requires it in all situations where the blood quantum is less than 25%. With each successive generation, there will be more and more people who would be eligible and required to file such claims.

Also, there is no time limit specified for the claim. This creates an unsettled legal question whether such status could be barred by the statute of limitations if a claim is not filed within a specified time. This could result in costly litigation. The requirement to file a claim in Court to prove NMD status seems inconsistent with the basic definition as would be effectuated by the change that any person with some degree of NMD ancestry would be an NMD.

### CONCLUSION

There is no statement of public purpose by which to assess the proposed changes. The proposed changes are somewhat internally inconsistent, with one provision ("some degree") that is based on a cultural conception of NMD and one provision (no adoptees) that is based on a racial classification of NMD.

The proposed amendment would potentially increase the number of people who qualify as NMD by allowing those with "some degree" of ancestry to qualify; however it would definitely reduce the number of people who qualify for NMD by eliminating adopted children. It would require all NMDs with less than 25% quantum of Chamorro / Carolinian blood to file a claim in the CNMI Superior Court to prove their status. It is unsettled whether a statute of limitation may be applied to deny the claims of those with less than 25% blood quantum or their successive generations.

### HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-1 (Chamorro)

Esti na initiative ha proponi i constitutional amendment na para u tulaika i definision i Northern Marianas descent (NMD) kumu ma'usa gi Attikulu XII yan iyon-na restriction gi anakku' na teman intires siha gi dueñun tanu' para i mampetsona siha ni NMD. Esti para u matulaika ginin i presentu na definision anai i petsona ni NMD yanggin 1) suididānu pat nasionāt Istādus Unidos yan 2) putlumenus bentisingku (25%) put sientu haga' Northern Marianas Chamorro pat Refaluwasch pat dumanña' guhi pat 3) i ma'adapta na patgun ni petsona ni Northern Marianas descent yanggin ma'adapta mientras gaigi gi papa' disi' otchu (18) ānus na idā.

- (1) Tāya' tinilaika gi dinimānda gi US citizenship pat national status ni maproponi.
- (2) I blood quantum na definision u matulaika ginin ¼ blood quantum āsta para i "some degree." Lāo, i constitutional amendment ha dimānda i petsona ni menus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu na minegai haga' Chamorro/Refaluwasch ni para u file yan u prueba iyon-na claim of status yan i CNMI Superior Court.
- (3) I manma'adapta na famgu'un ti para u fanma'ingklusu kumu NMD solu man NMD mañainan-niha gi anai manmafañāgu.

I maproponi na amendasion lokku' i epispifika i evidentiary burden gi court proceedings (preponderance of the evidence) yan i standard of review gi inapela (de novo).

I hinangai i maproponi na initiative para u kunfotma i Constitutional na definision gi NMD para upiñon i 18th Legislature gi hāfa siha makunsidera kumu NMD. Tāya' mās sinangan gi hinangai publiku pat sinēda' siha gi supotasion i maproponi ni mana' fanhālum.

### FINABOT SIHA

I tinilaika gi para "some degree" na haga' Northern Marianas Chamorro pat Refaluwasch pat dumanña' guhi na ha āomenta i pool na petsona siha ni makunsidera NMD. Kumu i NMDs ma'asagua petsona siha ni ginin hiyung i pool NMDs, kada sigienti na hinerasion ni didid' menus na istāo haga'. Esti na tinilaika para u sedi i sigienti na hinerasion ni para u dimānda estāo NMD, tātkumu siha ma'atetuyi tāti i mañainan-niha gi mās di menus un petsona ni istāon NMD Esti na tinilaika kunsisti yan i mudelu yan prinaktikan umasagua yan familia ni esta mapraktitika gi halum CNMI yan siempri inayuda kinunetba i dueñun tanu' gi halum i familia siha. Kinunsisti yan i "cultural" viewpoint i NMD.

I tinilaika para ti u sāonāo i manma'adapta na famagu'un siha ginin i klasifikasion i NMD ni para u menus i minegai petsona siha ni manmakunsidera na NMD. Kunsisti yan i "racial" viewpoint i NMD.

### KINENTRA SIHA

I tinilaika para i "some degree" na minegai binattin hāga' gi value of bloodlines. Putlus uttumu, guaha ni menus ki puntu unu (.1%) put sientu Chamorro pat Refaluwasch ancestry siempri kualifikāo kumu NMD. Esti na definision i amplification i NMD ti kunsisti yan i "racial" viewpoint i NMD.

I tinilaika para u mana'suha i manma'adapta na famagu'un siha ginin istāon NMD ni kumeke'ilekna na i manma'adapta na famagu'un siha ni NMD's ti siha para u kabālis na integrated gi kutturun NMD kumu ti manmapetmūti para u fampattisipāo gi dueñun tanu'. Masekisa ma'adapta i patgun gi mafañāgu-na yan mapoksa gi intieru lina'la' gi halum i kutturun NMD, ha u'usa i lingguāhi yan miembrun familiar NMD, ti u NMD ha'. Esti na trāfamentu i famagu'un ni manma'adapta ti kunsisti na Chamorro pat Refaluwasch na cultural norms, yan ti kunsisti yan i community standards para family integrity yan mās maōlik na intires famagu'un siha. Ti kunsisti yan i "cultural" viewpoint i NMD.

Esti para u kriādu difirentis na klasifikasion gi entalu' i famagu'un siha ni siempri mamparehu. Kumeke'ilekna na i manma'adapta na famagu'un siha ni NMD's ti siha para u kabālis na integrated gi kutturun NMD kumu ti manmapetmūti para u fampattisipāo gi dueñun tanu'. Masekisa ma'adapta i patgun gi mafañāgu-na yan mapoksa gi intieru lina'la' gi halum i kutturun NMD, ha u'usa i lingguāhi yan miembrun familiar NMD, ti u NMD ha'. Esti na trāfamentu i famagu'un ni manma'adapta ti kunsisti na Chamorro pat Refaluwasch na cultural norms, yan ti kunsisti yan i community standards para family integrity yan mās maōlik na intires famagu'un siha. Ti kunsisti yan i "cultural" viewpoint i NMD.

I dinimānda ni NMDs ni claim status sigun gi menus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu blood quantum ha chuli' detiminasion kotti ni u siha oneros gi judicial branch, asi kumu i NMD claimants.

I amendasion kumu matugi' ni ti minidi esti na dinimānda para kōosa siha anai i istāon NMD makuntesa, lāo ha dimānda todū sichuasion siha anai i blood quantum ni menus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu. Gi kada sigienti na hinerasion, siempri para u mās yan mās tāotāo ni para u kualifikāo yan u madimānda para u file tāt na dinimānda siha.

Lokku', tāya' minididān tiempu ni para i ma'ispisifika para i claim. Esti ha kriādu i unsettled legal question masekisa tāt na istāo ni siha mana'suha ginin i statute of limitations yanggin i madimānda ti mapo'lu gi halum i ma'ispisifika na tiempu. Esti siha ha risutta gi guaguan na litigation. I dinimānda para u mapo'lu i madimānda gi halum i Kotti para u prueba i istāon NMD ni ti kunsisti yan i basic definition kumu siha masusedi ginin i tinilaika ni maseha hāyi na petsona ni guaha degree na NMD ancestry nai sumisiña NMD.

### HINICHUM

Tāya' sinangan public purpose ni para u assess i maproponi na tinilaika siha. I maproponi na tinilaika siha kasi man-internally inconsistent, yan unu na prubension ("some degree") ni na based gi cultural conception i NMD yan unu na prubension (no adoptees) ni ma-based gi racial classification i NMD.

I maproponi na amendasion u siha ma'āomenta i minegai tāotāo ni mangkualifikāo kumu man NMD ni u sinēdi atyu siha i "some degree" i manāmkū' ni para u fangkualifikāo; lāo siempri; lāo siempri u siguru na i maribāba i numirun tāotāo ni u fangkualifikāo para u fan NMD ni u fanmana'suha i manma'adapta na famagu'un. Siempri ha dimānda todū NMDs ni man menus di bentisingku (25%) put sientu na minegai haga' Chamorro/Refaluwasch ni para u mapega i dinimānda gi halum i CNMI Superior Court para u mapruēba i istāo-niha. Ti areklāo kōo i statute of limitation siha ma'aplika ni para u mapuni i dinimānda siha gi atyu i menus ki bentisingku (25%) put sientu na minegai haga' pat i manmamaila' na hinerasion siha.

### HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE 18-1 (Carolinian)

Mwōghutūghūt yel e pommoli euw Constitutional Amendment bwe e bwe liweli ghoghool Northern Marianas Descent (NMD) iye re yāyā rel Article XII, me igha e pileey yāyā Longterm Interests rel falūw sāngiir aramasal NMD. E bwe liweli sāngi fassul ghoghool igha aramasal NMD, ngāre schōóbwt/mwāāl re, 1) Aramasal ngāre Schōól tēē kka sāngi United States, me re 2) yoor ffischal ¼ tchaal sāngiir, Northern Marianas Remarāālis, ngāre Northern Marianas Refaluwasch, me ngāre igha re afaghūr me leviir, nge 3) re mweimweey eschaay āāt sāngiir Northern Marianas Descent, me ngāre igha re mweittiy nge esāl seigh me walūdu rāghil.

- (1) Esāl yoor pommol liweli ngāli mwōghutūghūtūl rel US citizenship ngāre National Status.
- (2) Ghoghool rel blood quantum nge e bwe liweli sāngi ¼ quantum blood ngāli "some degree". Bwal aweewel, sāngi Constitutional Amendment e atiwiligh bwe aramas yoor afaghūrūl eghus sāngi 25% tchaal Remarāālis/Refaluwasch bwe re bwe atotoolong kkapasal, me re bwe abwāāri bwe e ffat kkapaseer, lōl CNMI Immwal Aweewe.
- (3) Layūmwemweey reer olighāt nge re ssōbw aschuulong bwe NMD, re bwe NMD ngāre igha ubwtuwal sāngi ippigh lilee me Saameer.

Pommol Liweli, e bwal appasātiw bwe e bwe re bwe abwāāri, bwe e ffat kkapasal igha re bwe aweewey bwe re bwe alūghūtūghūtūl lōl Immwal Aweewe, (Alūghūtūghūtūl rel kkapasal) me pommol mwōghutūghūtūl rel aweewe. (bweletāāl) Māngemāngil rel pommol Initiative yel nge e bwe attabweey ghoghool Constitutional reer NMD ngāli māngemāngil 18th Legislature, rel meeta ye re rāghiy bwe NMD. Re se palidweli kkapasal aweewe rel mwōghutūghūtūl toulap, me ngāre eyoor mille re schuungi igha e bwe e tepāngi pommol.

### ABWUNG

Rel liweli ngāli "some degree" Northern Marianas Refaluwasch ngāre Remarāālis, me ngāre igha re afaghūr me leviir, e bwe llang lapalōl rel fitischāy aramas kka si bwe rāghiy bwe NMD. Ngāre NMDs e schōōlimw sefāng me rel aramasal NMDs, eyoor ipital kkapasal leviir tāttālii layūr igha e bwal yoor afaghūrūl. Liweli yel nge e bwe mmwel rel ngāleey tāttālii aramasal bwe re bwe amwuschū yoor NMD status, me ngāre igha e bwe mmwel re bwe abwāāritā schepil afaghūrūl bwe aramasal NMD. Liweli yel nge e bwe weewe lō schagh mwōghutūghūtūl rel ffēffēfūl rel mal schōtchōlimw me familiya igha a ghi yoor lō lōl CNMI nge e bwe mmwel e bwe amwuschū bwughosal familiya. E ffil mwōghutūghūtūl rel aweewel "kko" rel NMD.

Rel liweli igha re bwe milaāl mweimweey reer olighāt me rel mwōghutūghūtūl NMD nge e bwe ghūtighitiw lapalōl rel fitischāy aramas igha re bwe rāghiy bwe NMD. E ffil mwōghutūghūtūl rel aweewel "racial" rel NMD.

### TIPERĀĀRĀ

Rel liweli ngāli "some degree" rel lapal tcha nge e bwe ghitighitiw lomwotal afaghūr lōl familiya. A toori bwe e bwe le mmwel bwe aramas ye eyoor sāngi eghus .1% afaghūrūl Remarāālis ngāre Refaluwasch nge re bwe rāghiy bwe NMD. Kkapasal sāngi ghoghool NMD igha re selāt nge ese ffil mwōghutūghūtūl rel aweewel "racial" rel NMD.

Rel liweli igha re bwe milaāl mweimweey olighāt sāngi NMD status e apasa bwe ese mmwel bwe NMDs re bwe ngāleey olighāt kkaal falūw ngāre re mweimweey sāngiir ill me saam kka ese bwal yoor afaghūrūl. E bwal aweewe rel olighāt kka re mweimweey sāngiir aramasal Micronesia me ngāre U.S., me ngāre foreign countries. Ila re bwe aweewe lō schagh reer olighāt kkaal, ngāre re bwe bwal ffēer ngāli bwal euw mwōghutūghūtūl. E bwal iirātūw bwe e ssōbw mescheragh reer olighāt kka re mweittir rel NMDs, bwe re bwe yāyā falūw, me re bwe aschuulong lōl kkoor NMD.

E bwal weewe schagh rel olighāt kka re mweiti me le maleghōōlul, nge e ffōōl tāt rel kkoor NMD, e mwāliili mwāliiyeer NMD, e lollo rel familiya, nge re ssōbw bwal rāghiy schagh bwe NMD. Ese ffil mwōghutūghūtūl ye re ffēer sāngi pommol kkoor Refaluwasch me Remarāālis, me ese ffil rel mwōghutūghūtūl rel ssōbw rel abwungubwungul familiya rel ammweli olighāt. Ese ffil mwōghutūghūtūl rel aweewel "kko" rel NMD.

E bwe bwal yoor tipetchōw rel Immwal Aweewe igha re bwe ffēer mwōghutūghūtūl kkapasal NMDs kka re kke ayoorā kkapasal bwughusal sāngi aweewel rel kkapasal 25% rel quantum blood, fēngal me bwal bwughuseer NMD. Sāngi liweli igha re ischitiw kkapasal nge ese ffischāli mwōghutūghūtūl rel ffēffēfūl rel kkapasal NMD status igha re bwe ayoorā aweewel, nge re bwe rāghiy rel kkapasal 25% rel blood quantum. E bwe ghi kke yooroti w tāttālii afaghūr, nge e bwe bwal mmwel re bwe ffēer bwe re bwe issiisilong kkapasal claims.


Nge, ese ischitiw rel ottol rāliil rel claim. E bwe mmwel e bwe ffēer ngāli mille ese llēgh bwe ayēgh ngāre bwughos kkey e bwal pileey statute of limitations ngāre ese issiisilong lōl ottol igha e tittingōōr. E pwal ghi tchōw obwōōsul rel aammweilōl rel igha re bwe aweewey. Rel mille mwōghutūghūtūl igha re bwe issiisilong kkapasal lōl Immwal Aweewe igha re bwe alleetāl NMD status nge essebw weewe me bwal ghoghool igha e bwe llēgh lō kkapasal rel liweli iye e iira bwe ngāre aramas kka re afaghūr some degree rel NMD ancestry nge e re NMD.

### MWŪTCHUL


Esōōr kkapasal mwōghutūghūtūl toulap, igha re bwe amweeri pommol liweli ye. Pommol liweli nge e ffat bwe ese aweewe, rel euw atiwiligh, ("some degree") iye e re aweewey me māngemāngil kkoor NMD, me bwal euw atiwiligh (esōōr mweimweey) nge e re aweewey rel racial classification reer NMD.

Pommol liweli nge e bwe ghi yoor lō lapal afitischāy ghal reer aramas ikka re bwe qualify bwe NMD igha re bwe ngāleey schōō kkewe re "some degree" rel afaghūrūl bwe re bwe qualify; nge e bwe ghi sōssōlitiw lapal afitischāyil reer aramas kka re qualify bwe NMD ngāre re amilaāl mweimweey rel olighāt. Re bwe ayoorā ngāli olongeer NMDs ikka re 25% afaghūrūl Remarāālis/Refaluwasch rel tchaar, bwe re bwe issiisilong yoor claim rel CNMI Superior Court bwe re bwe alleetā yoor status. Esāl bwungulōl ngāre e mmwel bwe statute of limitations re bwe ayiti ngāliir schōōkka re 25% tchaar me ngāre tāliil afaghūrūl.





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I have cognitive impairment which delays my thought process and speech thus affecting my communication. I attended high school up to the 10th grade. With my disability and without a high school diploma, it was not easy for me to keep a job, which I worked at the Hyatt for only a short time. As a result of this experience, and with the assistance of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), I applied for services at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in 2010 and 2011. It was in 2011 when I was determined eligible for vocational rehabilitation services. I received individualized services to prepare me for work, and that included work experience training and on-the-job training.

My work experience training through OVR helped me to acquire and understand the importance of work ethics, such as coming to work on time, getting along well with my co-workers, receiving instructions from my supervisor, performing my tasks well, etc. Part of my successful work experience training at the Department of Public Works (DPW) is due to the simple accommodations that OVR provided me with, such as a planner. I used that planner to write down my daily tasks, which I continue to do with my current position, as it helped me to remember what work needed to be done. After the completion of my work experience training, my OVR counselor transitioned me to on-the-job training with the same employer/trainer, DPW, for a six-month period. Throughout this additional training period, OVR had also provided me with transportation service to ensure my active participation in my rehabilitation program. My hard work during my work experience training and on-the-job training resulted in my being officially hired by DPW on December 3, 2013 as a Supply Technician I.

I owe a lot of people my sincere appreciation for helping me to successfully prepare for employment, most especially DPW and my supervisor for believing in the abilities of people with disabilities and helping to promote their employment in our community; my OVR counselor, Ms. Jane Tudela, for making my services possible; and my family and friends for their continued support. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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# Advertising Feature

## 54 prizes for 9 years of success

Serenity Salon & Spa will be celebrating its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month with 54 raffle prizes, representing their nine years of success, along with many other promotions that will make you yearn to return for more.

Serenity Salon & Spa's senior therapist, Pinky Antonino, said that getting to where they are now was not easy, especially with the rise and fall of the economy, but fortunately with the persistence of their boss and co-workers, they were able to pull through together.

"Unity. Unity and hard work are our secret, because there will be no progress if you are without the cooperation of the management and staff," Antonino said.

From slowly establishing its clientele since it first started, to letting the word of mouth take its course until locals, hoteliers, tourists and many others alike became established clients, Serenity Salon & Spa has gone a long way to becoming one of Saipan's favorite pampering sanctuary.

"Customer service is the main key. For every customer who walks in our door, our goal is to always make them

feel relaxed, happy, and beautiful," Antonino explained.

Based on experience, this writer recalls purchasing a service from Serenity Salon & Spa as being similar to having a slumber party with your girlfriends, with one exception—they're all experts!

Beautiful nails done by Michelle, relaxing signature massage by Analyn and you will not notice the time until one of the therapist yells, "Goodnight everyone! See you tomorrow!" then you'll wonder what time it is.

Antonino once told this writer a story about a client of hers from Guam who purchased an entire package and tried to have it all done within just one day.

"The sessions lasted more than six hours!" Antonino exclaimed. "We had lunch and snacks together and by the time it was all finished, it was dark, so we just decided to go out and have some more fun. From then on, she always comes back whenever she can."

Antonino said it's just the best feeling in the world when a customer returns as it validates the idea that they appreciate the good service being provided.

Serenity Salon & Spa's man-

agement and staff proudly admits that their success is not just because of their hard work and dedication, but is owed to their valued customers as well, who've kept them going for nine whole years.

"Without their continued support, we will not be where we are now and I truly hope that they know how much we appreciate them for choosing Serenity Salon & Spa," said Antonino.

To show their appreciation to all their valued customers, Serenity Salon & Spa will be giving away raffle tickets for every \$50+ worth of service purchased. To top it all off, each raffle entry will have a guaranteed prize aside from the raffle drawing, which will be held on Oct. 12, 2014. They will also be having a Buy One, Get One Half Off promotion applicable to all individual services.

Serenity Salon & Spa is located at the second floor of the Dollar Days Building in Garapan. Business hours are from 10am to 7pm. For more information or reservation purposes, please call 233-6688/2828/2288 and look for Pinky, Venus, Mercy, Analyn, Michelle or Angie. **(Hanaivv Babauta)**

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## A divided CNMI falls

It is very clear the voters of the CNMI are a divided people with four different gubernatorial candidates—what a political and social mess. Now we have the GOP supporters who are divided between three candidates ganging up on one Democratic team, creating odds of 4 to 1 that voters will not get it right.

I can remember when there was only the GOP and the Democrats running and virtually no independents. Back then, when we only had two parties, there was more excitement, exchanges in the news, bigger political gatherings at pocket meetings and rallies but that has now dwindled to a trickle of people. We even see candidates waving alone now because of this great divide in our politics, which reminded

me of the old and true saying: United we stand and divided we fall so voters are challenged to unite like they did in the last election but the choice is different.

In the last election it was for or against then-governor Fitial and crew but this time the people have a choice, which complicates the chances for the majority to get it right. We didn't have a primary because the Republicans refused to resolve their differences within their party, leaving it up to the people to do their own job of vetting all Republicans—a screwed political play to give the Republicans a significant 3-to-1 advantage over the Democrat candidates for the election. Yes, you are still being played, voters!

But I would like to submit

for readers' consideration that if you are happy with how things have gone over the past 15 years under the Republican governors, then vote for one of the Republicans. But if you are not happy with how the CNMI has gone for the past 15 years under the various Republican governors, then you only have one chance to get it right to unite and elect a Democrat—it is really that simple. If there ever was a time to change our politics and our government, that time is now because if we continue down this path of division, the Commonwealth will continue to fall short in our efforts to make it a place where every citizen can have a real opportunity to live out their American Dream of happiness and prosperity!

Two of the Republicans have also disguised themselves by waving independent banners but I think most voters know they are Republicans. I am trying to help voters with

this critical decision because if we are ever going to cure our very sick democracy—which needs a strong two-party system to survive—that time is now! You need to vote Democrat on the general principles

of the need to create alternatives and the need to improve the checks and balances within our government.

**Ambrose M. Bennett**  
PIO, Democratic Party

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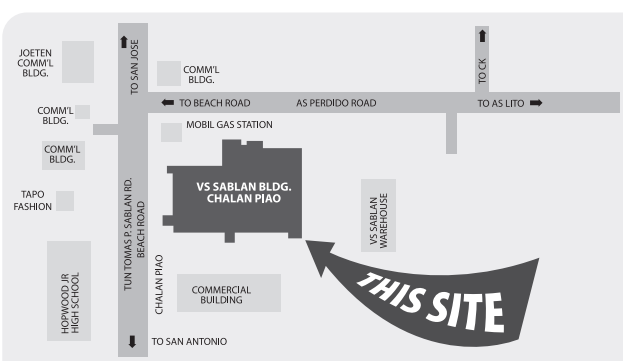
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I guess I'm being a little harsh. I know they serve a purpose and before they got so big-headed, I rather enjoyed them (albeit in small doses such as it was back in the day). Remember those days, when one was enough and two just out of the question? I can't help but feel a bit nostalgic. For such a long time, you (and yes, even they) were my everything: all I ever wanted and more. I never imagined that this day would come, but I know it is the right thing to do. If we don't bring out the best

in each other, then what is the point? Anyway, I hope you understand. I'm sure it'll take some time, but I'd like to think that things will work out just as they should and I really hope that with enough space and time we can actually still be friends. Life is too short for us not to be. I wish only the best for you and your friends.

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# MVA: International Festival of Cultures a success

The Marianas Visitors Authority has declared its newest annual signature event, the International Festival of Cultures, a resounding success after four consecutive weekends of festivities at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan, Saipan.

With 19 cultures represented, the festival offered live performances, international cuisine, arts and crafts, and cultural demonstrations from 5pm to 11pm. The festival was organized in conjunction with the Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture and PDM Promoters.

"By all accounts, the International Festival of Cultures was a resounding success," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "The culture groups represented in the organizing committee really put their hearts into making this first festival a success, and our visitors and the local community were all able to greatly enjoy their efforts. Every week there were recommendations from the committee on how to improve the event. We couldn't have done it without them."

Participating cultural communities were Japan, Mariana Islands (Chamorro and Carolinian), Kosrae, Palau, Chuuk, China, Bangladesh, Korea, the Philippines, New Zealand, Hawaii, Cook Islands, Marquesas,



A representative of the Polynesian community dons traditional attire for the Parade of Cultures on Dec. 4, 2014, in conjunction with the International Festival of Cultures on Saipan.

Tahiti, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. A Parade of Culture was also held on the final Saturday.

"As long as we can continue to work with our cultural communities, we look forward to holding the International Festival of Cultures again next year," said Duenas.

Nightly photos from the event are posted on the MVA Facebook page: My Marianas (Marianas Visitors Authority). (MVA)



The Mariana Islands Chamorro and Carolinian communities lead the Parade of Cultures on Dec. 4, 2014, in conjunction with the International Festival of Cultures on Saipan.



The Bangladesh community participates in the Parade of Cultures on Dec. 4, 2014, in conjunction with the International Festival of Cultures on Saipan.



The communities of Samoa, American Samoa, Fiji, and Tonga participate in the Parade of Cultures on Dec. 4, 2014, in conjunction with the International Festival of Cultures on Saipan.



Governor Eloy S. Inos



Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider

## *Håfa adai yan Tirow wáámi*



On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, we are pleased to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the children of the late Herman R. (Tun Herman Pan) & Maria T. Guerrero (Nan Kita) and their family on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of Herman's Modern Bakery!

As our islands were recovering from a war which changed life for all of its residents, a business rose up from humble beginnings to become one of the islands' longest serving business establishment. Tun Herman and his crew helped in developing an economy that was in much need of a boost, and because of his foresight, helped in inspiring a generation of people committed to advancing the talents of our local people.

The quality of the goods they produced won over many customers from near and far with most of them bringing their bread, pastries, and other treats with them back home, helping put Saipan on the map for quality local products.

We also commend the bakery for its generous contributions to charitable and civic organizations, giving back to the community that helped to cement its products as household name. Through its longevity, service, and generosity over these last seven decades, Herman's Modern Bakery is not only a member of our community, but a member of our families as well.

We extend our heartfelt best wishes for many more years of success and prosperity.

*Thank you, Si Yuòs maãse', and Olomwaay reemi.*

ELOY S. INOS

JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER



# Voices of the Marianas presents 'What We Really Think'

Voices of the Marianas presents *What We Really Think*, a documentary about a group of Marianas High School students who stage a play without a script. Produced and directed by Barbara Sher, the film will have its world premiere in a complimentary screening on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7pm at American Memorial Park's Visitor Center theater.

The plot of *What We Really Think* loosely follows a group of teens who make their way to a party that goes south, triggering epiphanies and revelations within and between the characters on stage. Other than this plot, the only theatrical convention that tied the show together were stage blocking cues arranged by the director. The play, which was originally performed in June last year, was the result of an improv theater that Sher



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*What We Really Think*, a documentary about a group of Marianas High School students is produced and directed by Barbara Sher.

guided students through.

Shot and edited by local educator, dramatist, and filmmaker

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, *What We Really Think* not only showcases the actual performance of



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From left, Bruce Li, Joseph Patris, Carlo Ocaya, and Aurora David are shown in a scene from *What We Really Think*.

the play but also chronicles the rehearsal process and features a moving and insightful discussion with the cast members.

Deleon Guerrero commended the director and the students for an engaging performance. He said, "This improv approach to stage drama could have been a disaster, but not in the capable and trusting hands of Barbara, who was able to tease out genuine acting and inter-acting between cast members. ... This made it a joy to shoot and cut and I know people will enjoy seeing the evolution of the play on the big screen."

Sher has been involved in numerous local theatrical productions, particularly through Voices of the Marianas, which she created and oversees. Outside of theatre, Sher is an international occupational therapist specializing in developing children's natural love of play to enhance sensory, motor and social skills. In her work with students, ranging in age from pre-school to college, Sher also emphasizes the theater arts as a form of expression to encourage creativity and self-esteem. An advocate of the vanishing art of play, Sher's books, published in

10 languages, her CDs, international workshops and engaging podcasts have enlightened and inspired parents, caregivers and teachers worldwide. Her CD "28 Instant Songgames" won the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio SNAP award, and Dr. Tony's Best Vacation Children's Products.

Due to limited seating, audience members are encouraged to arrive early on Oct. 17. For more information about *What We Really Think*, email Barbara Sher at [barbara.sher@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.sher@gmail.com) or Deleon Guerrero at [galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com](mailto:galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com). (PR)

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#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

**BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING (ARFF) BUILDING ROOF LEAK REPAIRS  
AIP NO. 3-69-0003-23**



The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of the roof leaks of the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Building at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to [wprater@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:wprater@cpa.gov.mp) by no later than Friday, October 24, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – (25 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama  
Executive Director  
Commonwealth Ports Authority  
P.O. Box 501055  
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI  
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: October 8, 2014



# USCG, commercial mariners rescue 3 in Pacific, 1 missing

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The Coast Guard and commercial mariners rescued three people who were reported overdue on a skiff near the Chuuk Atoll on Thursday.

The motor vessel *Nord Venus* located the three male survivors approximately 23 miles north of Chuuk.

An HC-130 Hercules airplane crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Oahu, is searching for the fourth crewman. A Navy P-8 airplane crew from the Kadena Air Base in Japan was scheduled to join the search yesterday.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Guam received a call Tuesday, from the Chuuk search and rescue liaison requesting assistance in searching for an overdue 19-foot skiff with four men aboard missing since Sunday.

The men departed Weno, Chuuk, and were en route Fananu Island, Hall Islands but never arrived at their destination. Their vessel began to take on water approximately four hours after departing.

As part of the AMVER program, the motor vessel's *Pro Emerald, New Stage and Nord Venus* assisted in the search.

The Coast Guard regularly coordinates with DoD, commercial vessels that are part of the AMVER program and international partners to conduct searches in the Pacific where extreme distances often limit the resources immediately available to respond.

AMVER, sponsored by the Coast Guard, is a unique, computer-based, and voluntary global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea. With AMVER, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond.

The 14th Coast Guard District encompasses an area of 12.2 million square miles of the Central and South Pacific. Coast Guard aircraft based in Hawaii frequently travel thousands of miles in response to search and rescue and other calls for assistance. The Hercules is scheduled to be replaced by the HC-130J, which will bring increased capabilities to Coast Guard response across the Pacific. **(USCG)**

# USDA expands access to credit to help more beginning and family farmers

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced yesterday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will improve farm loans by expanding eligibility and increasing lending limits to help more beginning and family farmers. As part of this effort, USDA is raising the borrowing limit for the microloan program from \$35,000 to \$50,000; simplifying the lending processes; updating required "farming experience" to include other valuable experiences; and expanding eligible business entities to reflect changes in the way family farms are owned and operated. The changes become effective Nov. 7.

"USDA is continuing its commitment to new and existing family farmers and ranchers by expanding access to credit," said Harden. "These new flexibilities, created by the 2014 Farm Bill, will help more people who are considering farming and ranching, or who want to strengthen their existing family operation."

The microloan changes announced today will allow beginning, small and mid-sized farmers to access an additional \$15,000 in loans using a simplified application process with up to seven years to repay. These efforts are part of USDA's continued commitment to small and midsized farming operations, and new and beginning farmers.

In addition to farm related experience, other types of skills may be considered to meet the direct farming experience required for farm loan eligibility such as operation or management of a non-farm business, leadership positions while serving in the military or advanced education in an agricultural field. Also, individuals who own farmland under a different legal entity operating the farm now may be eligible for loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency. Producers will have an opportunity to share suggestions on the microloan process, and the definitions of farming experience and business structures through Dec. 8, 2014, the public open comment period.

FSA is also publishing a Federal Register notice to solicit ideas from the public for pilot projects to help increase the efficiency and effectiveness of farm loan programs. Comments and ideas regarding potential pilot projects will be accepted through Nov. 7, 2014.

Since 2010, USDA has made a record amount of farm loans through FSA—more than 165,000 loans totaling nearly \$23 billion. More than 50 percent of USDA's farm loans now go to beginning farmers. In addition, USDA has increased its lending to socially-disadvantaged producers by nearly 50 percent since 2010.

These programs were made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill). **(USDA)**

### Job Vacancy Announcement

Strategic Gaming Solutions, Inc. has immediate job openings for the following positions:

**F&B Supervisor (1)**

**Position Summary:** Responsible for planning, development, and implementation of all F&B policies, procedures, standards, systems and program; provide supervision and direction as well as coordinate all activities of the F&B Section to ensure that all established goals are achieved; Plans and prepares promotional programs and activities to attract and provide service to different types of customers.

**Position Requirement:** Degree or diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Management, business administration, or equivalent plus 3 years experience or professional level. Experience in restaurant business and food handling. At least 3 years supervisory experience or any equivalent combination of experience, education and/or training where personnel skills and managing people are demonstrated; of relevant software (MICROS); knowledge and experience in strategic planning, workforce planning, performance management and alignment; highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication and leadership skills; computer literate.

**Guest Services Officer (1)**

**Position Summary:** Responsible for ensuring the smooth operation of the guest services desk on a designated shift. Ensure full support is given to visiting junkets, premium players and VIP's visiting the e-gaming/digital lounge.

**Position Requirement:** High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus 3 years successful work experience as a guest services officer in a casino, slots or gaming club or lounge or any equivalent combination of experience, education and/or training where guests services skills are demonstrated. Able to communicate clearly in and possess a good command of verbal and written Chinese and English. Excellent Public Speaking and communication skills. Must be computer literate with effective negotiating and problem solving skills.

**Compensation:** All positions will be filled and paid at a rate commensurate with qualification, work experience, and ability to perform.

Interested applicants may submit their resume by email to: [hr@clubcsaipan.com](mailto:hr@clubcsaipan.com). Background check maybe required before employment.

### Tropical Leisure Sports, Inc.

P.O. Box 500157 CK, Saipan, MP 96950  
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### Job Announcement


For Qualified U.S. Citizens

**Position:** 1 Tour Coordinator      **Salary:** \$ 6.05/hr  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Coordinate all incoming schedules, assist in customer tour participation, explain in Japanese for all forms needed to be read and signed. Contacting other tour company for scheduling and reservations and other related duties as assigned to. Fully able to read, write and speak fluent Japanese. Must have at least 2 years experience in tour related activities.

**Position:** 1 Manager, Marine Service      **Salary:** \$ 6.05/hr  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Direct activities of boat services, according to knowledge of maintenance need of small craft and marine safety requirements. Confers with owner or crew of vessel to obtain maintenance history and details concerning condition of craft. Observes and listen to vessel in operation to detect unsafe or malfunctioning equipment and leaks or other flaws in hull and superstructure. Must be able to repair/overhaul boat engine (gasoline or diesel) and other related duties as assigned. Employer Preference: College graduate with atleast 5 years experience and must be able to perform the job duties.

**Position:** 1 Operations Manager      **Salary:** \$ 6.05/hr  
**Duties and Qualification Requirement:**  
Plan, direct or coordinate the operations of company, manage daily operations. Oversee activities directly related to making products or providing services. Manage staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific duties. Coordinating with other department heads as required and other related duties as assigned to. College graduate with at least 5 years experience, preferably in managing water sports activities.

Interested applicants may submit their resume to the Marine Sports Center counter located at the beach side of Hafadai Beach Hotel not later than October 27, 2014.



### NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(This ad is paid for by NMHC.)

OPENING DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 \* CLOSING DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2014 TIME: 4:30 PM

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**"MANAGER FOR PROGRAM & HOUSING DIVISION"**

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to [officemanager@nmhcgov.net](mailto:officemanager@nmhcgov.net). NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/  
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Corporate Director



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# CUC: Water samples free of coliform bacteria

## Library Association fundraiser Oct. 17

The Commonwealth Association of Archives, Libraries and Museums is still selling tickets for its fundraising event on Oct. 17, 2014, at the Pacific Islands Club, 6pm to 9 pm. CAALM is a local non-profit library organization composed of members from the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Public School System, and Northern Marianas College.

Funds raised by individual members will go toward defraying the cost of attending the 24th annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums conference on Nov. 10 - 15 in Koror, Palau. Participation in this event will allow CNMI librarians to collaborate and establish networks with colleagues throughout Micronesia.

For tickets or questions regarding the fundraiser, contact Greg Sablan at 237-6798 or gregorio.sablan@marianas.edu, Erlinda Naputi at 235-7322 or ec-naputi@gmail.com. **(PR)**

As the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. restores water service to an area of Saipan following Typhoon Vongfong, we monitor the water for coliform bacteria. On Oct. 7, 2014, CUC collected and tested 17 samples from As Matuis, Agag, Capital Hill, Gualo Rai, Upper Garapan, Kagman, Chalan Kiya, As Lito, Koblerville, and San Antonio for

coliform bacteria. We did not find any of these bacteria in the samples.

CUC continues to work to bring water service to Dandan, Obyan, and Garapan. The CUC operations team apologizes for inconvenience resulting from these water service interruptions.

Please call the CUC Call Center at

664-4282 or Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Safe Drinking Water branch at 664-8500 if you see large particles in your water or if your water is discolored. If your water is discolored, we recommend that you flush your water line for at least three minutes before using the water. **(CUC)**

## Join 2014 Public Square Rosary Crusade

In celebration of the 97th anniversary of the miracle of the sun in Fatima, Dr. Celia Lamkin, Rosary Rally Captain for the CNMI and Guam, in collaboration with the El Shaddai Charismatic Group Saipan, would like to invite everyone to join the 2014 Public Square Rosary Rally that will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11:30am to 1pm, at the Filcom Pavilion, near Sabalu Market in Susupe.

The actual rosary rally starts at noon. This is important as it is near the time when the miracle of the sun took place in Fatima in 1917.

“We wish to honor Our Lady and Our Lord within this time frame,” said Lamkin.

This is the fourth year that Lamkin will be the Rosary Rally Captain since 2011. The first Public Square Rosary Rally was held in front of the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Susupe, followed by the Rosary Rally at the Garapan Fishing Base in October 2012, and the Rosary Rally at the Filcom Pavilion in Susupe last year.

“Our dear Lord Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother have shown and made miracles on me and my family; I am still alive after four heart attacks,” said

Lamkin. “Last year, I offered the Rosary Rally for the complete healing of my sibling who was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer in October 2013, which definitely requires chemotherapy. I told my sibling to have faith in God because God is the best physician and greatest healer. However, the chemotherapy had to be postponed due to his abnormal laboratory results. Four months later, the oncologist requested to repeat all the laboratories for cancer cells and CT scan and they all turned out to be normal even without any chemotherapy. Hence, I believe in the miracles of God.” **(PR)**

## Guam EPA gets \$3.1M in federal grants

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) announced yesterday that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Guam Environmental Protection Agency \$3,100,000 in federal grant assistance. The funds will be used to support GEPA operations for a number of ongoing environmental protection programs throughout the island, including inspections, beach and drinking water safety, permitting, and enforcement.

“These funds will help support the Guam EPA’s efforts to protect our natural resources,” said Bordallo. “GEPA provides critical oversight to ensuring the safety of our drinking water and beaches, educating the community on environmentally-friendly best practices, and providing outreach to appropriately address pollution on Guam. I look forward to these funds supporting the GEPA, and assisting them on their efforts to ensure that our island’s resources are maintained for future generations.” **(PR)**

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### Location:

- Saipan Aviation Depot, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

### Primary Job Functions:

- Responsible for site supervision which includes and requires overseeing project’s execution, coordination, preparation and implementation of the various operations integrity management requirements with the aviation operations group, terminal operations group, suppliers, design engineers and affiliate advisors.
- Provide technical support for facility design, maintenance and repair activities of the facility upgrade projects.
- Develop and ensure adherence to SSH&E programs to safeguard the safety and health of the community, the public and employees.
- Ensure adherence to company processes in procurement, work controls and environmental protection to help improve efficiencies in project management.
- Interface with Engineering Manager, Safety, Engineering and Technical Advisor, Aviation Operations Manager, Safety Advisors, Contractors, Depot personnel, Environmental and Government representatives.
- Maintain updated Engineering projects on Global Engineering Database and Aviation Equipment and Design Specification Manual.

### Background / Qualifications / Skills required:

- A degree in civil, mechanical, electrical or petroleum engineering
- A minimum of 5 years’ experience in engineering design, engineering project management and construction management in civil or mechanical works.
- Proficiency with computer applications in spreadsheet, word processing, project scheduling and planning materials specifications and construction drawings.
- Understanding of US federal and local regulations in the areas of engineering and construction
- Good oral and written communications skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Experience with computer-aided design preferred
- Experience in petroleum industry preferred

If you are interested in and/or meet the qualifications for this position, please submit your resume on or before October 17, 2014 to the following:

Attention:  
Steve Rice, Aviation Operations Manager  
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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “*Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22*”, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., October 31, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Those bidders that picked up a CD from the August 22, 2014 advertisement need not submit payment for the new CD. However, a copy of the receipt should be presented before acquiring new CD.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, October 17, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI  
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

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Nation

US adds extra level of airport screening for Ebola

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama calls it a “belt and suspenders” approach—an extra level of screening at five major U.S. airports to try to catch any travelers from Ebola-ravaged countries who may be carrying the disease.

About 150 travelers a day will have their temperatures checked using no-touch thermometers, and health officials expect false alarms from fevers due to malaria.

The extra screening probably wouldn’t have singled out Thomas Eric Duncan when he arrived from hard-hit Liberia last month, because he had no symptoms while traveling.

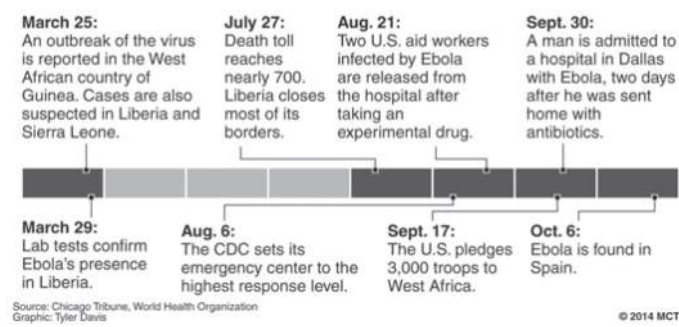
Duncan, the first person to be diagnosed with Ebola in the U.S., died Wednesday in Dallas.

The disease has killed at least 3,800 people in West Africa with no signs of abating. Thursday, the presidents of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, the countries hardest hit in the outbreak, are appealing to the World Bank for more help for their nations.

“What we’re paying for now is our failure to have invested in those countries before,” said Francisco Ferreira, the World Bank’s chief economist for Africa. They had only minimal health facilities even before Ebola hit.

In Washington on Wednesday,

Ebola outbreak



day, Secretary of State John Kerry made a plea for more nations to contribute to the fight against Ebola, saying the international effort was \$300 million short of what’s needed. He said nations need to step up quickly

soldiers to help with the Ebola crisis. Meeting at the Pentagon with Gen. David Rodriguez and other top commanders, Obama said a top priority is to ensure the safety of those troops.

“We have unique capabilities that nobody else has,” Obama said. “Our military is essentially building an infrastructure that does not exist in order to facilitate the transfer of personnel and equipment and supplies.”

The new airport screening will begin Saturday at New York’s JFK International Airport and then expand to Washington Dulles and the international airports in Atlanta, Chicago and Newark, New Jersey. The White House said

checks would reach more than 9 of 10 travelers to the U.S. from the outbreak zone.

“We expect to see some patients with fever. That will cause some obvious and understandable concern at the airport,” said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While the government is strengthening its response, Frieden sought to tamp down expectations.

“We can’t make the risk zero here. We wish we could,” he said, adding that there are no plans to ban travel from the outbreak zone because that would harm efforts to send in health workers to fight the epidemic.



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The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, October 17, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

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The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

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# Asia

## Myanmar blockades Rohingya

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Authorities sealed off villages in Myanmar's only Muslim-majority region and in some cases beat and arrested people who refused to register with immigration officials, residents and activists say, in what may be the most aggressive effort yet to force Rohingya to indicate they are illegal migrants from neighboring Bangladesh.

Immigration officials, border guards and members of the illegal-alien task force in the northern tip of Rakhine state—home to 90 percent of the country's 1.3 million Rohingya—said they were simply updating family lists, as they have in the past. But this year, in addition to questions about marriages, deaths and births, people were classified by ethnicity.

The government denies the existence of Rohingya in the country, saying those who claim the ethnicity are actually Bengalis. Residents said those who refused to take part suffered the consequences.

"We are trapped," Khin Maung Win said last week. He said authorities started setting up police checkpoints outside his village, Kyee Kan Pyin, in mid-September, preventing people from leaving even to shop for food in local markets, work in surrounding paddies or take children to school.

"If we don't have letters and paperwork showing we took part—that we are Bengali—we can't leave," he said.



In this June 26, 2014 photo, Rohingya men push a trishaw loaded with woods in Thet Kabyin village, north of Sittwe, Rakhine State, Myanmar.

Chris Lewa of the Arawakan Project, which has been advocating on behalf of the Rohingya for more than a decade, said residents reported incidents of violence and abuse in at least 30 village tracts from June to late September. While the weeks-long blockades have since been lifted, arrests continue, with dozens of Rohingya men being rounded up for alleged ties to Islamic militants in the last week.

Myanmar, a predominantly Buddhist nation, surprised the world in 2011 when a half-century of military rule ended and President Thein Sein, a former general, started steering the country toward democracy. Critics, however, say reforms have stalled. Peaceful protesters are again being thrown in jail; journalists increasingly face intimidation or even imprisonment with hard labor.

Most worrying to many,

the government has largely stood by as Buddhist extremists have targeted Rohingya, sometimes with machetes and bamboo clubs, saying they pose a threat to the country's culture and traditions.

Denied citizenship by national law, even though many of their families arrived in Myanmar from Bangladesh generations ago, members of the religious minority are effectively stateless, wanted by neither country. They feel they are being systematically erased.

Almost all Rohingya were excluded from a U.N.-funded nationwide census earlier this year, the first in three decades, because they did not want to register as Bengalis. And Thein Sein is considering a "Rakhine Action Plan" that would make people who identify themselves as Rohingya not only ineligible for citizenship but candidates for detainment and possible deportation.

searching for a motorboat lost since its captain reported an engine failure off Indonesia's main island of Java. The captain was able to report Monday evening that the engine failed due to broken propeller before authorities lost contact with the vessel, local Search and Rescue Agency head Muhamad Hernanto said. It wasn't known if the boat sank or if it was stranded on another island until the survivors and bodies were found Wednesday. The 18-meter-long boat was heading from Raas island in East Java province to the neighboring resort island of Bali.

### Missing Vietnamese oil tanker released by pirates

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)**—A Vietnamese oil tanker missing for a week was released by pirates who stormed the ship and siphoned off some of its cargo, a crew member said Thursday. The deputy captain of the Sunrise 689, Pham Van Hoang, said a group of more than 10 men, who he thought were Indonesian, armed with guns and knives in two speedboats boarded the tanker

shortly after it left Singapore for Vietnam on Oct. 2. He said the pirates destroyed the communication and navigation systems, and put all 18 Vietnamese crew members into a room. The pirates then siphoned off some of the gas oil into their vessels.

### Cambodian nightlife workers covered by labor laws

**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)**—Cambodia enacted a regulation Wednesday to protect nightclub hostesses and other adult entertainment workers under the same laws that protect other workers' rights, a move that was hailed by the U.N.'s labor body. The regulation specifies that nightlife workers have the same rights under laws and international agreements recognized for more conventional industries but often not applied to a sector that is frequently treated as informal labor. The statement from the labor and tourism ministries said the regulation seeks to address problems such as poor occupational safety, violence, sexual harassment and excessive working hours.

# World

## Three win chemistry Nobel for their super-zoom microscopes

**STOCKHOLM (AP)**—Three researchers won a Nobel Prize on Wednesday for giving microscopes much sharper vision than was thought possible, letting scientists peer into living cells with unprecedented detail to seek the roots of disease.

The chemistry prize was awarded to U.S. researchers Eric Betzig and William Moerner and German scientist Stefan Hell. They found ways to use molecules that glow on demand to overcome what was considered a fundamental limitation for optical microscopes.

Betzig, 54, works at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Ashburn, Virginia. Hell, 51, is director of the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Goettingen, Germany, and also works at the German Cancer Research Center in Heidelberg. Moerner, 61, is a professor at Stanford University in California.

Their work, done independently and extending back to the 1980s, led to two techniques that were first demonstrated in 2000 and 2006.

## Sierra Leone: Ebola burial teams go back to work

**FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP)**—Sierra Leone burial teams have gone back to work one day after organizing a strike over pay and abandoning the dead bodies of Ebola victims in the capital.

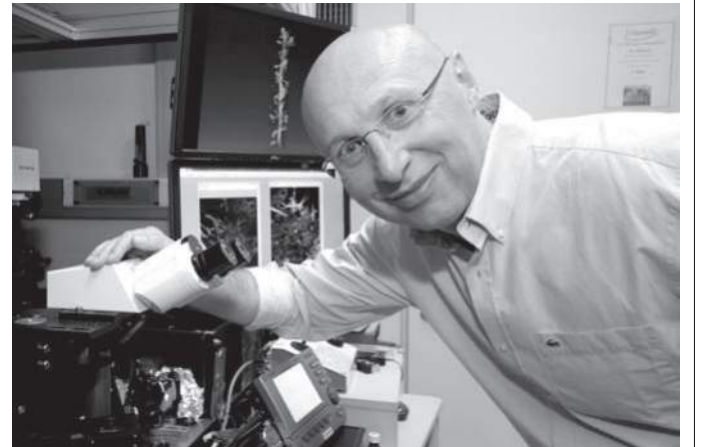
In neighboring Liberia, however, health workers said Wednesday they planned to strike if their demands for more money and safety equipment were not met by the end of the week.

The expressions of frustration by beleaguered West African health workers came as Spanish officials investigated whether a nursing assistant infected with Ebola got the deadly disease by touching her face with tainted protective gloves. The case of Teresa Romero is the first known incident of

## Islamic State group downs another Iraqi helicopter

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Militants with the Islamic State group on Wednesday shot down an Iraqi military attack helicopter, killing the two pilots on board in the second such incident in a week and raising concerns about the extremists' ability to attack aircraft amid ongoing U.S.-led airstrikes.

According to two Iraqi officials, the militants used a shoulder-fired missile to take down the Bell 407 helicopter, which crashed just north of the



Stefan Hell, winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry poses at the microscope he developed at the Max Planck Institute in Goettingen, central Germany, Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014.

Previously, a calculation published in 1873 was thought to define the limit of how tiny a detail could be revealed by optical microscopes.

"As recently as 15 years ago, it was believed to be theoretically impossible to break this barrier," said Nobel committee member Claes Gustafsson. He called the laureates' work "a revolution."

The result of their advance is "really a window into the cell which we didn't have before," said Catherine Lewis, director of the cell biology and biophys-

ics division of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

"You can observe the behavior of individual molecules in living cells in real time. You can see ... molecules moving around inside the cell. You can see them interacting with each other."

The research of the three men has let scientists study diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Huntington's at a molecular level, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

someone contracting the disease outside the West African outbreak zone.

The Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation reported this week that bodies of Ebola victims were being left in homes and on the streets of Freetown because of the strike by burial teams. The dead bodies of Ebola victims are highly contagious.

But in a radio interview Wednesday morning, Sierra Leone's deputy health minister Madina Rahman said the strike had been "resolved." Later in the day, a team could be seen loading bodies outside a government hospital for burial in the west of Freetown. The team's leader declined to be interviewed but said members had been promised hazard pay

by the end of the day.

Rahman said the dispute centered on a one-week backlog for hazard pay that had been deposited in the bank but was not given to burial teams on time.

"The health ministry is going to investigate the delay in the health workers not receiving their money," Rahman said.

The burial teams make up a total of 600 workers organized in groups of 12, health ministry spokesman Sidie Yahya Tunis said.

Tunis described the situation as "very embarrassing." The government was already facing criticism this week over a shipping container filled with medical gear and mattresses that has been held up at the port for more than a month.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Grenade blast kills 2 in Philippine church

**PIKIT, Philippines (AP)**—Two men on a motorcycle fired a grenade at the main gate of a Protestant church in the southern Philippines late Wednesday, killing two churchgoers and wounding three others, police said. It was not immediately clear if Muslim rebels were involved in the attack at the United Church of Christ in the Philippines church in Pikit town in North Cotabato province, police said. The attackers escaped. Pikit police chief Mautin Pangandigan, said the grenade was fired from an M203 launcher. Pangandigan said a 54-year-old nurse was declared dead on arrival at a hospital and a 39-year-old public school teacher died later from her wounds. He said another teacher and two businessmen were wounded.

#### 8 found alive 2 days after boat sank in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Rescuers and fishermen found eight survivors and 17 bodies Wednesday after two days of

refinery town of Beiji, located about 200 kilometers (130 miles) north of Baghdad.

The pilot and co-pilot were both killed in the attack, a military aviation official told The Associated Press. A Defense Ministry official confirmed the information. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

This is the second Iraqi military helicopter shot down by the Islamic State group over

Beiji in one week. Militants shot down an Mi-35 helicopter near Beiji on Friday, also killing the pilot and co-pilot.

The two incidents highlight the Islamic State group's ability to counter air operations, potentially putting at risk U.S.-led airstrikes in Iraq and Syria. Some fear the militants may have captured ground-to-air missiles capable of shooting down airplanes when they overran Iraqi and Syrian army bases this summer.



# Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

**Marijuana soda bottles explode at Washington shop**  
**BELLINGHAM, Wash.** (AP)—Bottles of legal marijuana-infused soda delivered to a Washington state pot shop started exploding on the store shelf. The manager of Top Shelf Cannabis, Zach Henifin, told KOMO that “it sounded like a shotgun going off.” No one was injured at the store in Bellingham in northern Washington, where recreational pot is legal. Henifin wore a face guard and protective clothing to move more than 300 bottles to a steel trash bin and most had exploded by Tuesday. The sparkling pomegranate soda was made by Mirth Provisions and delivered on Sept. 28. Employees found a sticky mess the next day and heard and saw bottles randomly explode. Mirth Provisions founder Adam Stites says there was too much yeast in the soda and fermentation caused excess carbon dioxide to build up.

**Texas man impersonates cop to real police officer**  
**MIDLAND, Texas** (AP)—A 41-year-old Midland, Texas, man got a surprise when he tried to impersonate a police officer and berate a fellow driver. The driver he chastised was a police detective. Eleazar Cisneros confronted a driver, said he was a police officer and complained about being cut off in the parking lot of a burger joint. When Cisneros was asked to show his police identification, he said he was working under cover. Cisneros subsequently said he was in a police academy, then acknowledged that his connection to policing was limited to taking some criminal justice classes, according to an arrest affidavit examined by the Midland Reporter-Telegram. He was jailed Sunday on \$25,000 bond and now could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the third-degree felony charge of impersonating or exerting the functions of a public servant.

**Labradoodle survives fall off 200-foot cliff**  
**BONNEVILLE, Ore.** (AP)—A Labradoodle named Gracie fell 200 feet off a cliff in Oregon—and survived. Dog owner Michelle Simmons says Gracie and another dog were playing on a trail in the Columbia River Gorge. Gracie went over the side of the cliff. Simmons says they heard the dog rolling, heard her hit the ground and yelp—then nothing. They thought she was dead and began an impromptu memorial service. That’s when another hiker came rushing up, saying the dog was alive. The Oregon Humane Society’s volunteer technical rescue team responded. One member was lowered down to Gracie and fitted her with a harness early Monday and brought her to safety. KPTV

reports that dog suffered only scratches and bruises in her fall off the steep trail.

**Hunt on for 1.5-ton gargoyles missing from church**  
**WORCESTER, Mass.** (AP)—Church officials and preservationists are trying to figure out what happened to several 1.5-ton gargoyles from a Massachusetts church. The church in Worcester is a one-fifth scale replica of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. It was built in the 1890s and was formerly known as the Chestnut Street Congregational Church. It now is owned by an Assembly of God congregation and is on the market for \$2.5 million. The crumbling building was slated for demolition a decade ago but was saved with the help of Preservation Worcester. The group’s director tells The Telegram & Gazette the 3,000-pound gargoyles were removed for safety reasons by a construction company that went out of business. The company’s assets were sold at auction, and the fear is the gargoyles were sold.

**Fox’s sneaky streak ends when it knocks out power**  
**ST. GEORGE, Utah** (AP)—Authorities say a fox that sneaked into an electrical substation in Utah electrocuted itself and briefly knocked out power for about 8,000 people over the weekend. St. George Energy Resource Manager James Van Fleet tells The Spectrum that the critter slipped into the substation in the southwestern Utah city of St. George around 10 p.m. Sunday and touched some of the live electrical equipment.

That caused a short that cut power in several neighborhoods. Van Fleet says crews got power flowing again within about 45 minutes. It’s not the first time a trespassing animal has triggered an outage in the area. Van Fleet says the same thing happened last August and caused an outage in parts of St. George and the nearby city of Santa Clara.


**Florida paper gets check, apology 50 years later**  
**LAKELAND, Fla.** (AP)—Seventy-three-year-old Navy veteran Bernard Schermerhorn says he’s the kind of guy who tries to follow the straight and narrow. But during some high school hijinks more than

50 years ago, he and a buddy stole several newspaper racks that belonged to The Ledger in Florida. They kept a handful of change and dumped the stands. Schermerhorn says it’s weighed on his conscience over the years and last month he aimed to make it right. The newspaper reports the former Lakeland resident sent a \$200 check and an apology. He tells the newspaper from his home in La Mesa, California, this week that he just got to thinking about the prank and decided, “Hey, send them the money. It’s just not right to not pay it back.” The Ledger says the publisher planned to donate the funds to a group that helps victims of domestic sex trafficking.

## Officer buys girl booster seat instead

**EMMETT TOWNSHIP, Mich.** (AP)—A Michigan officer who pulled over a vehicle because a 5-year-old girl wasn’t secured in a booster seat decided a ticket wouldn’t cut it. Instead, Emmett Township public safety officer Ben Hall bought her a seat. “A ticket doesn’t solve the situation,” Hall told WXMI-TV. “What solves it is the child being in the booster seat like she should be. It was the easiest 50 bucks I ever spent.” Hall was on patrol Friday in the southern Michigan community when he pulled over the vehicle after someone re-

ported that it had an unsecured young child inside. Alexis DeLorenzo and her daughter were riding with a friend, and Hall said DeLorenzo told him that she had fallen on hard times and couldn’t afford a booster seat. “I was in a spot where I could help her,” Hall said. DeLorenzo said she knew that they could have been ticketed, but instead, Hall told her to meet him at a Wal-Mart, where he bought her the seat. “It changed my life,” DeLorenzo said. “I’m never going to forget him. And neither will my daughter.”



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**for SENATE INDEPENDENT**

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- **Masters, Urban and Environmental Planning, Arizona State University**
- **Bachelors, Recreation and Tourism Management, Arizona State University**

**COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE:**

- Through the Arizona State University Program, help communities by introducing socioeconomic solutions specific to their needs.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- Public Transportation Community Planner (COTA)
- Title VI Coordinator – Civil Rights (COTA)
- Over 10 years of business management experience (JJ ENTERPRISES)

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To my supporters and the CNMI people, I am frustrated like you with the problems of our economy and government. We have incumbents who are more concerned about their re-election instead of what is best for future generations and what is best for the community and CNMI. I am running for senate because I believe our community needs a stronger voice advocating for us. I am ready to serve, lead, and fight for you in the legislature.

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JOY MALLICK	FCD-DI
Petitioner,	CIVIL ACTION
	NO. 14-0417
vs.	
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Respondent,	

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 1192 P.O. Box 10003, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2014

/s/ Clerk of Court



# Life & Style

## Easy Street was a bumpy ride for Ron Perlman

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Looking for Easy Street? Just follow the horned Hellboy, badass biker Clay Morrow or Vincent the lion man from “Beauty and the Beast.”

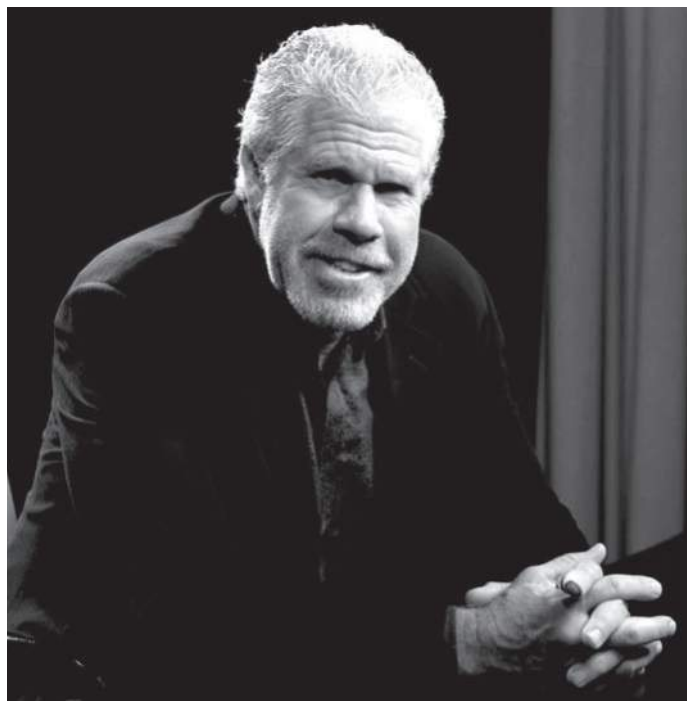
The guy behind the facades is Ron Perlman, whose self-professed Neanderthal bone structure and leading-man blue eyes have made him a household face.

Perlman, 64, has racked up more than 200 credits in theater, film, TV and voice work in his 30-plus years in Hollywood. Now, he’s the proud owner of a revealing memoir, “Easy Street (The Hard Way),” co-written by Michael Largo with a foreword by one of his enablers, filmmaker Guillermo del Toro.

Of his many gigs, Perlman said in a recent interview, writing a book is the “trippiest part of it all.” It’s something he never figured he’d do, until his two kids—24 and 28—followed him into the arts and he doubted they had strong models like the ones that shaped him: Bogart, Brando, The Beatles and more.

Perlman, a salty talker ever chomping on a fat cigar, does a lot of namedropping in his book, but the native New Yorker also digs deep into his childhood, his lean years selling handbags to support his family, his older brother’s suicide and his father’s sudden death.

And there’s “The Event,” as he calls it—his own suicide attempt with pills and booze after realizing he hadn’t hit Easy Street after all. There were no calls, no offers after his first big movie, as a cave man in the



AP  
In this Sept. 30, 2014 photo, actor Ron Perlman poses for photos before an interview, in New York.

1982 release “Quest for Fire.”

Well into his second act, has Perlman finally made it?

Before Clay took a bullet to the jugular last season on “Sons of Anarchy,” the motorcycle drama broke FX records. In addition to the book, out in September from Da Capo Press, Amazon just

green lighted “Hand of God” for an original series, starring Perlman as a morally corrupt judge who speaks directly to the man upstairs through his brain-dead son.

Perlman’s production company, Wing and a Prayer Pictures, has 10 projects in the works.

“So I’m quite busy,” he said.

“I’m in fantasyville right now. I really am.”

A conversation with Ron Perlman:

**AP: You worshipped your dad, who used to take you to the movies and died of a massive coronary when he was only 49. And you hated yourself, the working class overweight Jewish kid who spent years thinking he wasn’t worthy of anything. How did you get past all that?**

**Perlman:** I could not begin to tell you where these feelings of low self-esteem emanated from. It was just this thing. When it came time to achieve things that required a good deal of self-confidence, even just dating of girls, you’re nowhere. That was me.

**AP: God comes up in the book and, obviously, in “Hand of God.” What kind of a relationship have you got with Him?**

**Perlman:** I come from a dad who I adored, upon whose thought and word I hung, and he was an agnostic and maybe even an atheist. He had kind of an active dysfunction with that kind of spiritual stuff. Strangely enough it was him dying that

kind of turned me on to this universe that was made up of things that weren’t explainable, that ultimately I assigned to this all-present, all-powerful being who sees all, knows all and who really actually does have a plan.

Once I recognized that such a being existed I began to give myself over to it partially and understand that it was a partnership. We talk. We talk a dozen times a day. Some people tweet.

**AP: You’ve said there are things in the book that not even Opal, your wife of 33 years, knew about. What are they and did you think it wise to break any big news to her in that way?**

**Perlman:** The event. The only thing that’s in there that she was not privy to was that moment, what I tried to do. I got so low. I became clinically depressed, to the point where I couldn’t help myself anymore. I was getting ready to check out and she didn’t know that I actually got that low.

**AP: What has “Sons of Anarchy” meant to you?**

**Perlman:** It’s far and away the most responded-to thing I’ve ever done in my entire career. That WAS a game changer.

Playing Clay Morrow was challenging, until it got to be something else. The character went down some roads that became very, very uncomfortable for me to play. I began to lose my admiration for Clay. He began making decisions and behaving in such a way where I began to stop admiring him. And I never played a character in my career that I didn’t admire.

**AP: How did you feel about the way he was killed off?**

**Perlman:** Not great. I thought that there would be some sort of redemption at the end, that he would look at what he did and sort of have an ‘Oedipus at Colonus’ kind of a moment where he became truly remorseful and he made good with all of the people that he hurt along the way, but it wasn’t my show to write.

**AP: So you don’t like motorcycles?**

**Perlman:** I rode a little bit for the show. It never became my thing. It became a lot of the other guys’ thing. They really fell in love with this life, this sensation. I like my Bose speakers and the ashtray where I can put my cigar while I’m driving with two hands. I’m a different generation. The Sinatra generation.

## Q&A: Miles Teller on ‘Whiplash,’ ambition & Elvis

**NEW YORK (AP)**—How badly does Miles Teller want it?

In “Whiplash” (out Friday), he plays an aspiring jazz drummer at a Julliard-like New York music conservatory, playing until his hands bleed to meet the impossible standards of his oppressively perfectionist teacher (J.K. Simmons). The movie, a festival hit since winning a heap of awards at Sundance, rhythmically beats on the theme of ambition and its high sacrifices.

Teller, too, is an up-and-comer, tagged as one of Hollywood’s hottest rising stars. He landed his first movie role, 2010’s “Rabbit Hole,” partly because Nicole Kidman was impressed that he—playing a fragile kid weighed by guilt from a fatal car accident—blushed in the audition.

Like his “Whiplash” character, Andrew, Teller can play the drums, and spent three weeks cramming to learn to play the jazz pieces of the film. The Florida-native was schooled in New York, too, studying acting at New York University’s Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute.

Speaking to the candid, jokey Teller, the confident, frat-boy charm he showed in “Project X” and “21 & Over” comes through. But so does the clear-eyed ambition of the sensitive actor of “The Spectacular Now” who will also soon be inducted into the superhero realm, playing Mr. Fantastic in “The Fantastic Four.”

But the Oscar-buzzed “Whiplash” sounds Teller’s serious aspirations. He’d even like to play Elvis: “We do certain things similarly,” he says.

**AP: “Whiplash” director Damien Chazelle told me that when he first met you, you were “the polar opposite” of the role, talking about drinking with your friends. But he realized that underneath, you share Andrew’s drive.**

**TELLER:** It’s a side of me that very few people do see. I guess it comes through in a performance like this. Even when I was filming the movie, the buddies I was living with, when they saw it, were like, “I had no idea you were doing that, you were killing yourself for it.” I’ve always had that balance. I was the guy that in high school, me and my buddies threw the parties. We put a keg in the woods and get people to come. But I was also getting straight As.

**AP: You recently caused a little storm when you suggested you did “Divergent” for “business reasons,” after which you issued a statement saying you were proud to be a part of the franchise.**

**TELLER:** If people really want to do the research, for “Whiplash” you make \$7,000. For “Spectacular Now,” you make \$7,000. For “Rabbit Hole,” you make \$4,000. Studios don’t make dramas. So if an actor wants to satisfy themselves, they’re really not going to make any kind of money most of the time. That’s why there’s an allure of the studio films because you can drive a car if you do some. But I would never do a movie just for a paycheck. If Shailene was not in the movie, if Kate Winslet was not in that movie, if Neil Burger wasn’t directing it, I wouldn’t. Because I’ve been offered a lot of money to be in bad scripts.

**AP: You have scars on your face from a bad car crash when you were 20. How did that go over in early auditions?**

**TELLER:** The casting director would tell my agent, “Miles is a really good actor, but it doesn’t make sense for his character to have these scars.” I kept getting that feedback over and over again. There was a point where I was like, “Is something as superficial as having scars on my face really going to inhibit me from playing these characters?” I thought something I loved so much was not in my

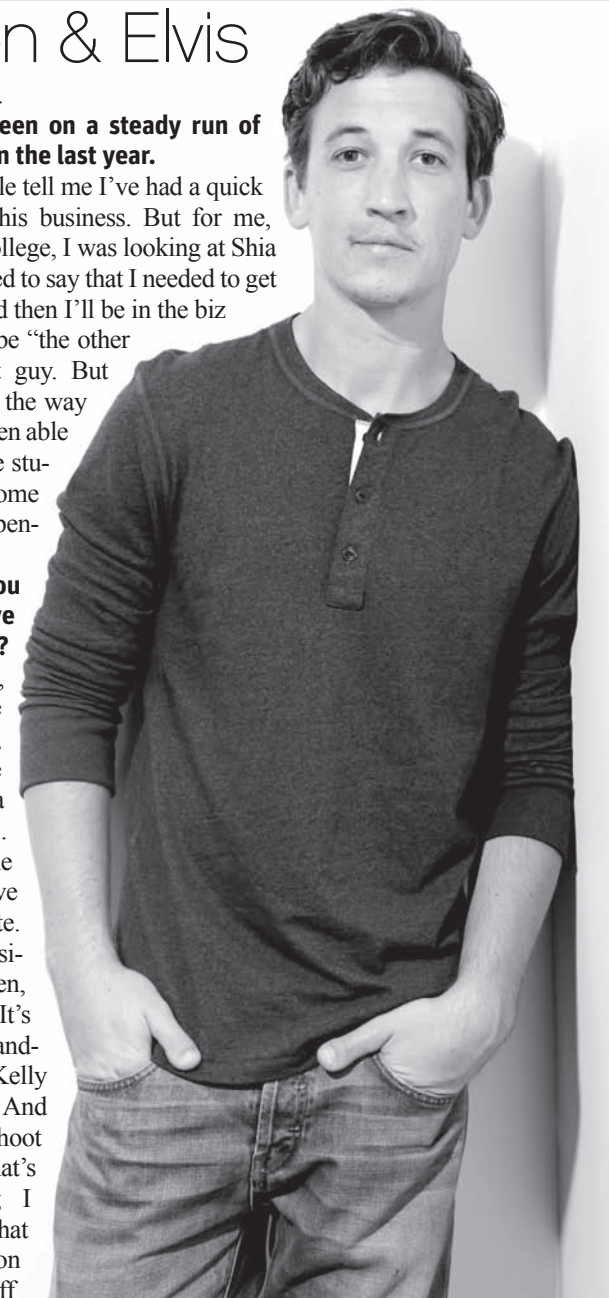
control anymore.

**AP: You’ve been on a steady run of constant work in the last year.**

**TELLER:** People tell me I’ve had a quick ascension into this business. But for me, when I was in college, I was looking at Shia LaBeouf. ... I used to say that I needed to get a “Disturbia” and then I’ll be in the biz and I’ll kind of be “the other Shia”—the next guy. But I’m glad it went the way it’s went. I’ve been able to work on some studio films and some really good independent films.

**AP: Don’t you feel like you’ve broken through?**

**TELLER:** Well, almost. At the end of the day, I just feel like I want to be a step ahead of ... not the critics, the perception. I have a pretty wide taste. I’m doing a musical with Damien, his next film. It’s literally a song-and-dance, Gene Kelly kind of thing. And also, I want to shoot somebody. That’s the only thing I haven’t done, that kind of an action thing. Right off the bat, I’m trying to show I can do all this stuff.



AP  
In this Sept. 29, 2014 photo, actor Miles Teller poses for a portrait to promote his new film, “Whiplash,” in New York.

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# Paula Patton files for divorce from Robin Thicke

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paula Patton has filed for divorce from Robin Thicke and is asking for joint custody of their son.

The “Precious” and “2 Guns” actress filed for divorce from the “Blurred Lines” and “Give It 2 U” singer Friday in Los Angeles, citing “irreconcilable differences.”

The 38-year-old actress and 37-year-old singer announced they were separating in February after nine years of marriage. They have a 4-year-old son.

Patton was the inspiration behind much of Thicke’s music and appeared in some of his videos.

The crooner’s latest album, “Paula,” sold only 24,000 units in the U.S. when it was released in July. Thicke’s previous album, “Blurred Lines,” sold 177,000 units when it debuted last year.

Thicke promoted “Paula” with several public appearances that were accompanied by reconciliation pleas.



In this Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013 file photo, Robin Thicke and Paula Patton attend the sixth annual GQ Gentlemen’s Ball in New York.

# ‘7th Heaven’ actress Sarah Goldberg dies at 40

CHICAGO (AP)—Sarah Goldberg, who starred in the television series “7th Heaven” and the film “Jurassic Park III,” has died. She was 40.

Goldberg died in her sleep of natural causes on Sept. 27 at her family’s cabin in Wisconsin, her mother Judy Goldberg told the Chicago Sun-Times. She said a heart ailment is suspected, although an autopsy failed to determine the exact cause of death.

“She went to sleep and didn’t wake up,” she said.

Goldberg’s entertainment career started as a bumblebee in a Chicago City Ballet production of “Cinderella,” her mother said, and gained momentum when she was asked to be an extra on the Julia Roberts movie “My Best Friend’s Wedding.” She got

the role because her mother co-owned a company providing table linens for a set. A film staffer saw her helping arrange tablecloths and asked her to be in a scene, her mother said.

Goldberg went on to appear in television series including “90210,” “Judging Amy,” “The Beast,” and “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.”

In “7th Heaven” she played Jewish medical student Sarah Glass Camden who fell in love with the son of a Christian pastor.

“She wanted to go to medical school, and instead for three years she played a doctor on ‘7th Heaven,’” Judy Goldber said of her daughter, who graduated from Amherst College in 1996 with a degree in microbiology, according to

her IMDB biography.

Goldberg also played a college student looking for drugs in the Denzel Washington movie “Training Day.”

The actress sometimes was credited under the stage name Sarah Danielle Madison.

Goldberg was born in 1974 in Springfield, where her father worked as a lawyer. She attended the Latin School of Chicago before going to Amherst. She practiced yoga and was a trick skier.

“She could get on (skis) backwards and blow kisses to people and pretend she was a water skier,” her mother said.



This undated photo provided by the Goldberg family shows movie and television actress Sarah Goldberg.

# Debbie Harry to headline Lennon tribute concert

NEW YORK (AP)—Debbie Harry will perform at the 34th annual John Lennon charity tribute concert in New York City in December.

The announcement Wednesday by the nonprofit Theatre Within came a day before what would have been Lennon’s 74th birthday.

Other performers include Kate Pierson of the B-52s, Joan Osborne, Marshall Crenshaw and Ben E. King. The event will be held Dec. 5 at Symphony Space.

Yoko Ono said in a statement: “I share Theatre Within’s belief that music and the

performing arts have a special power to bring people together and inspire us to make a positive difference. It’s beautiful that the Tribute continues to have such a powerful impact in John’s memory.”

Rock photographer Bob Gruen, who photographed Lennon during the years he lived in New York, will be honored with the first-ever John Lennon Real Love Award.

Proceeds will benefit Lennon and Ono’s Spirit Foundation. Ticket prices are \$65, \$85 and \$105.

# Century-old time capsule unsealed in New York

NEW YORK (AP)—A century-old time capsule filled by Wall Street businessmen celebrating New York as a pioneering commercial hub has been unsealed.

Spectators gathered around the mysterious bronze box as it was opened at the New-York Historical Society on Wednesday.

Inside were documents depicting life in 1914, from

the tea, coffee and spice business to baseball and bull fights.

The time capsule was sealed by the Lower Wall Street Business Men’s Association. They asked that it be opened in 1974. But somehow, it was forgotten.

A curator discovered it in a museum warehouse in Manhattan’s Chelsea neighborhood.

# Broadway marquees to dim to honor Geoffrey Holder

NEW YORK (AP)—Broadway theaters plan to dim their marquee lights Friday night in memory of Geoffrey Holder, a Tony Award-winning director who led the groundbreaking show “The Wiz” to Broadway.

The Broadway League says the lights will be dimmed for one minute at 7:45 p.m. Holder died Sunday of complications of pneumonia at

age 84.

The 6-foot-6, Trinidad-born Holder won Tonys in 1975 for directing and designing the costumes for his all-black retelling of “The Wizard of Oz.” In 1978, he directed and choreographed the lavish Broadway musical “Timbuktu!” starring Eartha Kitt and earned another Tony nomination for best costumes.

# More than the stars shine brightly in the state of Texas

**D**EAR ABBY: I am an adult heterosexual male who has discovered that I like wearing nail polish. I feel it should not be a matter of gender, but of taste and fashion.

I wore a reasonably bold color in public for the first time a week before last. It was a light, metallic blue that changes to green in the sunlight. I got a few raised eyebrows and a few compliments in my conservative, small town. I was told, however, to leave the color red to the ladies.

I know some companies are already marketing nail color for men, and I hope nail decor for both genders will one day become mainstream. I want to help that process along. What do you think, Abby?

SHOWIN’ MY TRUE COLORS IN TEXAS

**DEAR SHOWIN’:** Although over the last few years I have seen males wear nail polish, it was usually a very dark color and the wearer was a rock star or a Goth. Frankly, I think that for an adult heterosexual male to wear light blue nail polish in public in the great state of Texas shows he is not only a trendsetter, but also has a lot of guts.

**DEAR ABBY:** I’m a 38-year-old woman who divorced four

years ago. I’m educated, attractive and have a successful career. My 18-year-old son lives with me and attends a junior college.

I am having a hard time finding romance because most of the men want to survive on my income, or are put off that I have a son at home.

I recently met a guy who seems to be head over heels in love with me. He has had little education and abused drugs and alcohol for a long time, but he has changed now. He has three children, but because he is unemployed, he’s exempt from paying alimony, and he is fine with the idea. He’d like to have them on weekends, but the mother won’t allow it.

Should I go ahead and date him? He doesn’t seem to mind that I have a child, but my intuition tells me he may be another fortune hunter. How can I find a suitable partner without appearing desperate?

LONELY LADY IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

**DEAR LONELY LADY:** Listen to your intuition and end this relationship now unless you want to support this man in perpetuity. The longer you’re involved, the harder it will be to end it, so don’t procrastinate.

It’s time to widen your circle of acquaintances. Meet colleagues in your field through conferences and seminars. De-

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velop new interests and you will meet more people. Volunteer with charities that interest you and you will meet worthwhile members of both sexes who may introduce you to an unattached friend or relative.

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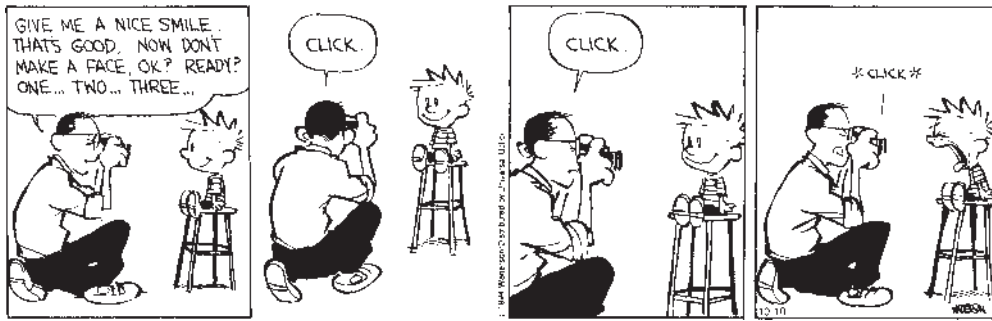
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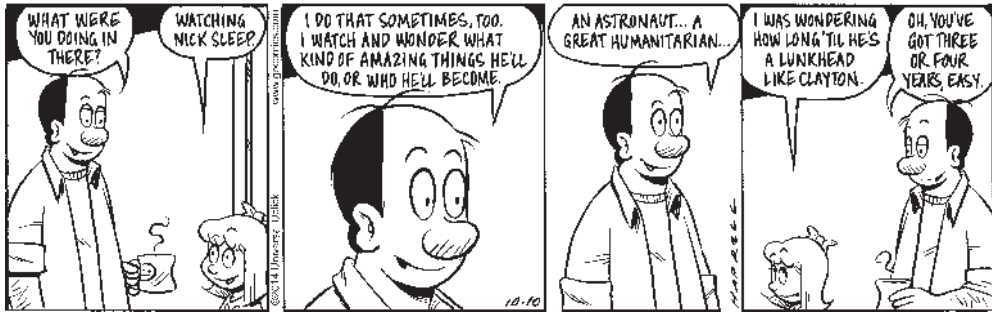
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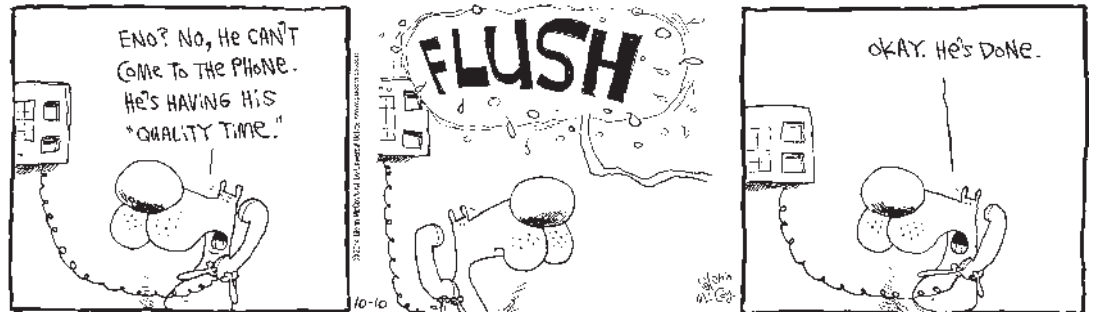
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Yesterday's answer 10-10

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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID  
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# O's Markakis savors long-awaited trip to playoffs

**BALTIMORE** (AP)—Nick Markakis endured the lean years with the Baltimore Orioles, suffering through one losing season after another during the worst stretch in franchise history.

If that wasn't bad enough, when the Orioles finally turned things around in 2012, Markakis sat out the playoffs with a broken thumb.

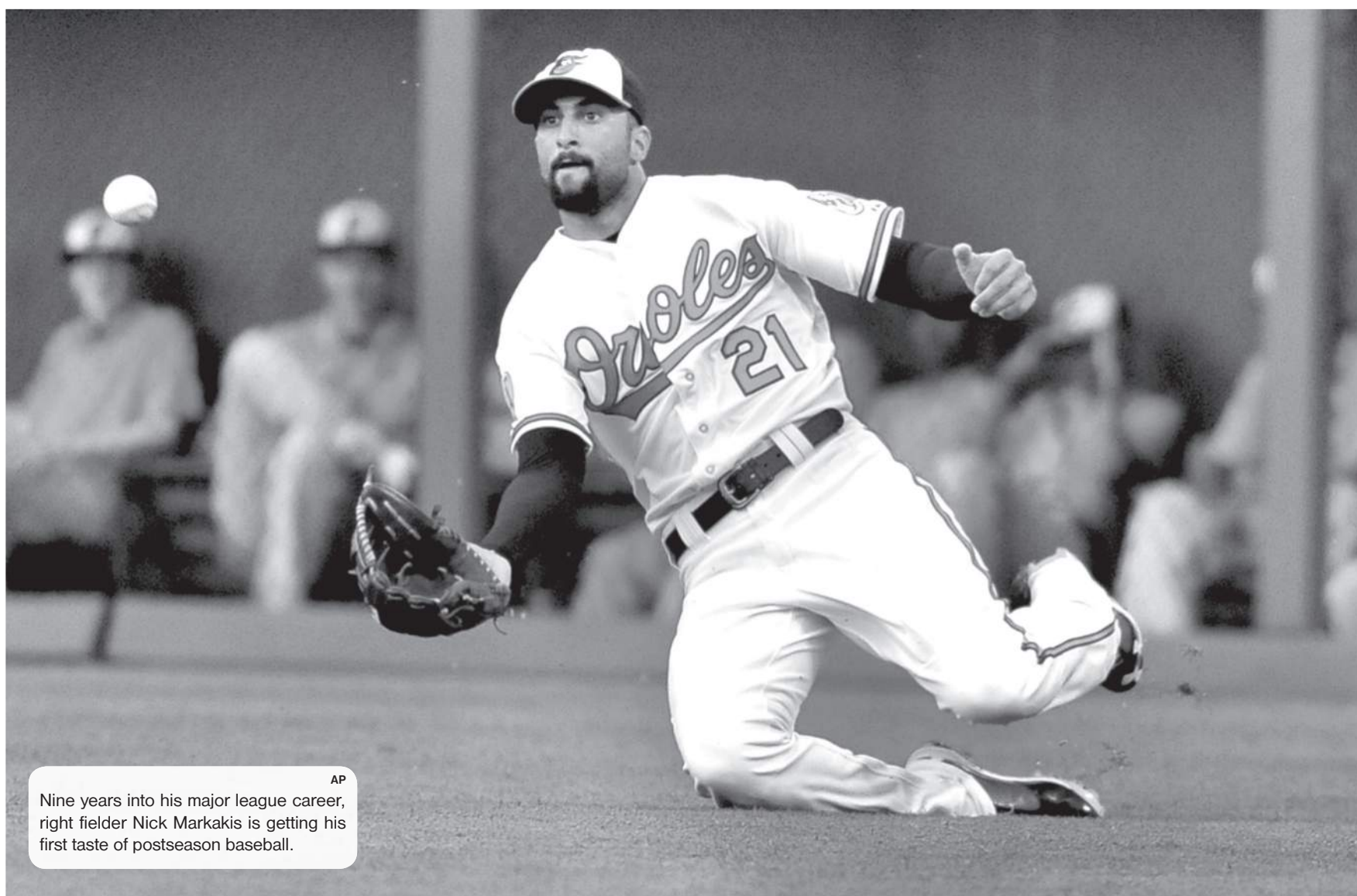
Now, nine years into his major league career, the 30-year-old right fielder is getting his first taste of postseason baseball. No one on Baltimore's current roster has spent more time with the team than Markakis, whose loyalty to the Orioles has never wavered since they made him their first-round pick in the 2003 draft.

Even after Baltimore went 70-92, 69-93 and 68-93 in his first three major league seasons, Markakis remained confident he would ultimately reach the playoffs with the Orioles.

So he signed a six-year extension in 2009 during Baltimore's miserable run of 14 straight losing seasons.

"In the past, judging by the development and the direction the team was going, I knew it was just a matter of time," Markakis said. "That's one reason I signed here, because I knew eventually it was going to happen. Good things come from a little hard work, patience and dedication. It was just a matter of plugging in players here and there, and we've got it now."

Using deft moves by executive vice president Dan Duquette and the guidance of manager Buck Showalter, the Orioles are in the AL Championship Series for the first time since 1997. When they open at home Friday night against Kansas City, there will be plenty of fans among the sellout crowd



AP  
Nine years into his major league career, right fielder Nick Markakis is getting his first taste of postseason baseball.

wearing No. 21 jerseys with MARKAKIS on the back.

Markakis, the Orioles' lead-off hitter, ranks among the top 10 in franchise history in games, at-bats, runs, hits, double, RBIs and walks. In his own understated way, he's made a name for himself on lists that include Hall of Fame stars Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson and Frank Robinson.

"You look at the all-time leaders in hits in Baltimore history, that gets your attention," manager Buck Showalter said. "Sometimes we don't completely grasp what we're watching here."

Showalter remembers how

disappointed Markakis was in 2012, when the Orioles finally shed their losing ways and earned a spot in the playoffs as a wild card. Markakis' season ended on Sept. 9 when he was struck in the left thumb by a fastball from New York Yankees ace C.C. Sabathia.

"It still bothers me," Showalter said. "That was a kick in the (rear). It reminded all of us how fleeting this is."

For Markakis, watching the postseason from the bench didn't come close to the feeling of playing the game.

"Every kid wants to be part of something. When they're doing something and you're not

part of it, it makes you appreciate what you're missing," Markakis said. "I understand that now. I had it taken away from in 2012, but here I am with a second chance."

He's making the most of it, too. Markakis had three RBIs and scored three runs in the Orioles' three-game sweep of Detroit in the AL Division Series, the highlight a two-run homer in Game 2.

"I know he's excited about being in the playoffs and we're all excited to have him," Baltimore shortstop J.J. Hardy said. "He's kind of one of the steady guys we have on this team. He's out there every single day, giving 100 percent playing through pain and all kinds of stuff."

The only time in the last seven years that Markakis failed to play in at least 155 games was that lamentable 2012 season.

"As manager, that's one less thing you have to worry about," Showalter said. "He's such a self-starter - and so consistent."

That contract Markakis signed in 2009 comes with a club option next season. He will receive \$17.5 million in 2015, or the Orioles must pay a \$2 million buyout.

When he signed in 2009, it was with the notion that he would spend his entire career in Baltimore.

"High risk, high reward. It was a good decision on my

part," Markakis said. "I knew what this city was capable of doing and it paid off. I'm enjoying this."

He can't imagine what it would have been like to spurn the extension, become a free agent and sign with the highest bidder.

"There's always an easy way out," Markakis said. "You can sign with the team with the most money and best players and everything else, but I always believe in putting in your time and being loyal to the team that who gave you that opportunity."

"That's what I abide by, that's how I was raised. I wouldn't have it any other way."

## S I D E B A R

### After 16 years in, Tim Hudson advances in NLCS

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—Even in his late 30s and a year removed from a devastating ankle injury that cut short his 2013 season in Atlanta, Tim Hudson pictured himself pitching at a high level again.

That's the very reason he took the leap to move back cross country and join the San Francisco Giants, leaving his Georgia roots last fall and returning to his Bay Area baseball beginnings.

Now, the veteran right-hander is headed to the NL Championship Series in the deepest playoff run of his 16 major league seasons. San Francisco makes its third NLCS appearance in five years when it opens Saturday at St. Louis, playing its fourth in a row.

Hudson is likely to pitch Game 3 of the best-of-seven series next Tuesday at AT&T Park.

"I'm toward the end of my career here and it's the first time I've been past the first round," Hudson said Wednesday. "I don't think there's going to be anybody on the field that's going to be more emotionally involved than I am for the next series, or two series."

Ryan Vogelsong wanted to pitch Hudson into the next round. Tim Lincecum enjoyed the Division Series celebration that much more knowing what it meant to the guy who shares his first name. Manager Bruce Bochy got a thrill watching Hudson add another accomplishment.

"If you're not walking in his shoes, to take the magni-

tude of how many years he's played in this league and to have never been to this point, I can't really describe it for him," right fielder Hunter Pence said. "If I think in my imagination, I think of 17 years, think of where you were 17 years ago, imagine reaching a milestone you've never reached before. I think any player will say there's no accomplishment greater than what you do as a team in the postseason."

Pitching deep into October with a regular contender is something Hudson mentioned right away when he finalized his \$23 million, two-year contract last November.

The Giants needed Hudson to fill a hole with an experienced starter. Hudson needed

the Giants to join a winner as he worked himself back.

"It's equally as gratifying to be part of this as it is to watch a guy get further into the playoffs, just because he's so excited he acts like a kid at times," Lincecum said. "You just see how much it means to them and it resonates with you a little bit more, because you're not just playing for yourself. You want to win and get further for other guys."

Hudson was 8-7 with a 3.97 ERA in 21 starts for the Braves before getting hurt and undergoing surgery for a broken right ankle. Hudson's season ended on July 24, 2013, in New York when the Mets' Eric Young Jr. inadvertently stepped on the back of his lower right leg while Hudson

covered first base.

"Coming back from that injury was a tough deal. I'm glad I'm on a winner," Hudson said. "It would have been tough if I had wanted to extend my career after that injury and I'm making plans for vacation in July or August."

His two daughters were born in the Bay Area, where Hudson began his career with the Oakland Athletics in 1999 and won a career-best 20 games the following year.

It sure helped San Francisco had captured two of the previous three World Series titles, in 2010 and '12.

This time, the Giants got past the 96-win Nationals, who had the best record in the National League before San Francisco won the best-of-five series in four games.

While the 39-year-old Hudson posted his first losing record this year at 9-13,

he became an All-Star for the fourth time and returned from the injury to make 31 starts over 189 1-3 innings.

"It means the world when you watch Tim Hudson, 15, 16 years in who has never advanced past the first round, and you realize how precious these opportunities are," Jake Peavy said.

Hudson bonded with fellow Southern boy Madison Bumgarner, the 18-game winner likely to get the ball for Saturday's opener. And so many others have fed off his energy and wit.

"Even though I battled some injuries throughout my career, I've never doubted my competitive fire. I've always wanted to go out and compete and win," Hudson said. "That's why I still play. That's why I came here. God works in crazy ways, and this could be something special for us."



# Favre says he's glad Manning will break his record



**ENGLEWOOD, Colo.** (AP)—Brett Favre appreciates Peyton Manning's greatness, and the feeling is mutual.

Favre said Wednesday that he couldn't be happier to see Manning on the brink of breaking his NFL record of 508 touchdown throws. Manning has 503 heading into Denver's road game Sunday against the New York Jets.

Favre told The Associated Press he's thrilled for Manning, who's coming off a career-best 479-yard passing performance against Arizona that included four TDs. That made Manning the second QB to reach 500 and moved him within striking distance of Favre's record.

"I'm glad it's Peyton that's doing it," Favre told the AP in a phone interview from his home in Mississippi. "I think a lot of Peyton. I know him well. I know his family well. His dad was one of my idols."

Manning said he was pleased to hear Favre's words of encouragement.

"If you play quarterback, nobody's defined longevity and career toughness more than him," Manning said. "His consecutive starts streak is one of the most impressive things I think in all of sports. ... He always answered the bell every



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) gets ready to throw his 500th career touchdown pass during the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals, Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Denver.

single Sunday and was always producing.

"And growing up in the South, both of us, Brett has always said he was a big fan of my dad's, so there's been kind of a mutual respect there from my family to him, as well. And I always enjoyed watching him

play. Nobody played the game quite like he did. He's truly a one-of-a-kind quarterback."

It's not unthinkable that Manning might tie or even break Favre's mark this weekend when the Broncos (3-1) visit the Jets (1-4).

Manning has thrown for five

or more TDs five times in his career. He had a six-touchdown game against Detroit in 2004 and set the NFL record with seven TD tosses in the Broncos' 2013 opener against Baltimore.

The more likely scenario, though, is that he'll top it at home. After this weekend, the

Broncos play their next two games at Sports Authority Field, against San Francisco and San Diego.

Either way, Favre said he's preparing to watch Manning roar right past him and maybe approach 600 touchdown tosses by the time it's all over. After all, Manning reached 500 in his 244th game, 49 fewer than it took Favre.

"I'm not surprised, as well as he's been playing for so many years," Favre said. "I think as far as wanting to hold onto the record, I mean I have no feelings of, 'Oh, my gosh. I wish I could hold onto that.' None whatsoever."

Favre said in today's pass-heavy league he wonders how long it'll be before someone like Andrew Luck or Russell Wilson bypasses them both. Manning had a similar sentiment Sunday, saying, "it's all a matter of time, I think, with some of these young quarterbacks."

Not so fast.

The next two with a chance at reaching 500 are Drew Brees (372) and Tom Brady (365), but they're 35, and 37 years old, respectively.

Manning, 38, has thrown an average of 2.06 TD passes per game in his career, a better rate than either Brees (1.94) or Brady (1.84).

Luck is 25 and Wilson 26 and

both have 60 TD passes so far, Luck in 37 games (1.62) and Wilson in 36 (1.67).

So, even the brightest young QBs will have to pick up the pace - and stay injury-free.

"I'm proud that I threw for 508 touchdowns, but I'm most proud of my consecutive games streak," said Favre, who played in a QB-record 297 straight regular season games during his 20-year NFL career.

"None of those other records are possible unless you play a long time," Favre said. "And I know Peyton missed a year. Aside from that year, he's played just like I did. I mean, he's been out there over and over and over again. And that's the only way you amass the numbers that he has."

Manning's 208-game starting streak ended when he sat out the 2011 season following neck fusion surgery.

Before that, he averaged 1.92 TD throws per game. Since joining the Broncos in 2012, he's averaged 2.88 touchdown throws in 36 games.

"It's amazing what he's done - but then again, it's not," Favre said. "I mean that with all due respect, because of his vigilance and determination. He just has the drive to excellence that has made him special. I'm not surprised by anything he does."



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# LeBron versus Heat in Brazil awaits



**MIAMI (AP)**—LeBron James was welcomed at Dwyane Wade's wedding last month. Udonis Haslem continues to maintain a friendship with his former teammate. Chris Andersen still wears his sneakers.

There's no venom, no hatred, not even trash-talking.

There isn't much of anything, to be perfectly frank.

So when the Miami Heat and Cleveland Cavaliers—James' former team against James' former-turned-current team—meet in a preseason game Saturday in Rio de Janeiro, it won't be some sort of streetfight, one team enraged because the player who helped them to four straight NBA Finals left to go back to his hometown team.

Besides, it's not like it counts, anyway.

"I'm sure everyone will try their best," said Heat forward Chris Bosh, who raised some eyebrows Tuesday night when he said he hasn't talked to James since he returned to the Cavaliers. "Not right now, but on Christmas Day."

That's the first "real" meeting with James as a Heat opponent again, when Cleveland visits Miami on one of the league's biggest days, and surely that will be a matchup that commands much more fanfare than this one will. The Miami vs. Cleveland matchup in Brazil barely registered

a blip when announced in April, and like most preseason games, the outcome of this one will likely be forgotten long before the regular season opens at the end of the month.

"I think everybody is very cognizant of the fact that LeBron is playing against his old team and playing against a team where he had such great success and they had such great success," Cavaliers coach David Blatt said Tuesday, before his team departed on its charter flight for Brazil. "And I'm sure, I'm sure, they understand that it's a particular kind of game."

Blatt was asked if it helps that the game will be played on a neutral site, far from Miami, even farther from Cleveland.

"I think it takes the pressure off of both sides, actually," Blatt said. "I really do."

It's a game few people want to say much about.

James has downplayed the meaning of the matchup, perhaps in large part because there is no meaning to an exhibition game. Haslem simply smiled and said it's merely a basketball game to him. Asked on Tuesday what he thought of coaching against James again, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said he hadn't spent too much time thinking about that aspect.

"Get all the cameras, the snapshots, all those out of the way," Spoelstra said, grinning.

The teams are set to arrive



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) fights for a loose ball with Maccabi Tel Aviv's Jeremy Pargo in the second quarter of an exhibition basketball game Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, in Cleveland.

in Brazil on Wednesday morning. Both plan to practice at least twice, and it's unclear how much their paths will cross—if at all—before a reception that the clubs are expected to attend Friday night.

They play Saturday, then fly home after the game.

"Everybody's going to hype

it up and it's going to be a big deal," Bosh said. "But for us, it's just another opportunity to get better. We know everything that's surrounding the situation and it is what it is. As far as we're concerned, this is our team, this is what we're trying to build toward, the past is the past, we're moving on and it's

good to get this out of the way."

For that matter, it's not even clear how much James—who spent four years in Miami, then opted out of his contract and kept the league guessing for weeks before ultimately announcing that he was going back to Cleveland—will play.

He's been leery of overtax-

ing his body in the preseason, and likely won't go overboard in this game either. The flight is long, the preseason is a grind anyway, and neither team will play this one like it's Game 7 of a playoff series.

"It's pretty hard to say right now what we'll do with him, or anyone else," Blatt said.

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Another SSC, bet Jinnosuke Suzuki had the fastest time in the event, clocking in at 36.40 seconds.

In the girls 11 to 12 age group, Tsunami Saipan's Sophia Gauran had the best time in the field and also earned a PBT with her 32.56 seconds (from 35.34 seconds). Others who bagged PBTs were Gauran's teammates Kyona Rivera (35.41), Aika Watanabe (35.92), and Megumi Yoshino (39.52) and SSC's Conatsu Kaga (36.28), Jin Ju Thompson (37.18), and Jasmin Frink (40.73).

In other girls races, Tsunami Saipan's Angel De Jesus got a PBT (30.68 seconds) in

the 15 to 16 age group, while SSC's Coume Kaga and Susan Villagomez had the same feat in the 9 to 10 division after posting 39.35 seconds and 51 seconds, respectively. In the U8 age group, Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol's 38.44 seconds and Shaunalyn Babauta's 52.80 seconds gave them PBTs, while SSC's Savita Sikkell (56.42) and Nieves Villagomez (1:00.63) duplicated that honor.

In the boys 9 to 10, five made PBTs with Tsunami Saipan's Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero leading the field with his 34.51 seconds. Completing the list were SSC's Richard Villagomez (41.85) and Akira Kadokura (43.37) and Camacho's fellow Tsunami Saipan

bets Rentaro Suzuki (48.65) and Kenta Tomie (50.84).

Others who achieved PBTs in the 50m freestyle in their respective age groups were boys 11 to 12's Mark Maestro (31.59 seconds) of Tsunami Saipan, 13 to 14's Christian Villacrusis (28.31) and David Boyer (31.00) of SSC, and 15 to 16's Kaito Yanai (27.77) of SSC and Takumi Sugie (27.88) of Tsunami Saipan.

In another sprint event—the 50m butterfly—six got PBTs.

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two goals apiece. Players who scored for Kanoa were not identified in the match report provided to Saipan Tribune.

### Shirley's FC 2, Paire FC 1

Shirley's Football Club drew goals from two different players to slip past Paire FC.

Katherine Magat and De Jana Muna hit the board for Shirley's to help the team bounce from its Week 3 loss to Matansa and hand Paire its first loss in four matches.

Magat drew first blood with her goal in the 34th minute, but Matansa failed to keep the lead when Guinevere Borja connected on her shot three minutes before the first half ended. Muna then broke the deadlock in the

Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol was one of them after clocking in at 41.69 seconds in the girls U8, while Camacho and Juhn Tenorio did the same in the boys 9 to 10 after recording 39.92 second and 40.44 seconds, respectively. Nelson Batallones of the boys 11 to 12 division was the fourth Tsunami Saipan to set a PBT in the event, while SSC had two in Kento Akimaru (31.89) and David Boyer (34.45) in the boys 13 to 14

65th minute and Matansa hung tight on defense to end Paire's winning run.

### CO-ED U12 Paire FC 3, MP United FC 2

In the U12 league, which is also being played at the Hopwood pitch, Paire edged MP United.

Jamin Elliot starred in the victory, as he scored all three goals for Paire. Elliot knocked down the hat-trick in the opening half with his first goal recorded in the third minute and the last two in the 12th and 31st minute.

MP United also registered its two goals in the first half with Jon Villagomez scoring in the seventh minute and Mark Esalan in the 41st.

In the other U12 match, Tan Holdings FC downed Kanoa FC, 3-1. Scorers for both teams

age group.

In the 100m breaststroke, Tsunami Saipan and girls U8's Nanaka Watanabe listed a PBT of 1:44.35, while her teammate Jhota Yoshino had 1:48.48 in the boys 11 to 12 division. Villacrusis also registered a PBT with his 1:23.45, more than eight seconds faster than her old record (1:31.87)

Villacrusis notched a PBT, too, in the 50m breaststroke after logging 38.44 seconds (from 41.41). Eleven others

scored PBT in the same event: Kaito Yanai (32.56), Yoshino Jhota (49.53), Rentaro Suzuki (1:04.35), Wataru Kadokura (1:07.79), Angel Marie Tan (39.57), Sami Nimura (53.85), Jin Ju Thompson (51.69), Ayaka Sato (1:11.93), Natsuki Nagata (1:00.12), Asaka Litulumar (57.58), Coume Kaga (54.00), and Babauta (1:05.15).

Meanwhile, results in other races last Saturday will be reported in *Saipan Tribune* next week.

### Tan Holdings FC 3, Paire FC 1

In the other U18 tiff, Tan Holdings outclassed Paire.

Yoshi Mafnas led Tan Holdings' victory, as he scored the team's last two goals in a span of three minutes. He made his first goal in the 86th minute and the second in the 89th, while Junsik Kim notched the other goal after lighting up the board in the 32nd. Joel Fruit registered the only goal for Paire one minute before the first half ended.

Meanwhile, only one match in the boys U15 division was played last Friday at the Oleai pitch with MP United beating Matansa FC, 2-0. Richard Chin and Ba Da Lee scored for MP United. The other game pitting Tan Holdings against Kanoa was rescheduled due to the unavailability of the field.

## BODYBUILDING

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sport in the CNMI, the group is pinning its hopes on a younger generation of bodybuilders that includes Gino Celis, George Pangelinan, Nate Cruz, Vince Aldan, Gerald Galang, Donovan Mendiola, Alberto Roberto, John Nekaifes, Aaron Tomokane, and Tristan Ecalnea to jumpstart the program. All 11 bodybuilders competed in last month's 2014 Dee Clayton Classic.

Davis also said CBF wel-



# Shirley's, McDonald's stretch winning run

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Shirley's Coffee Shop and McDonald's are now tied for the lead in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League, following their contrasting wins last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

McDonald's edged Docomo Pacific in the first game, 57-55, to improve to 3-0, while Shirley's earned the same perfect mark after outlasting Public School System in the second game, 102-88.

Shirley's managed to bring home a 14-point winning margin after catching PSS off guard in the early minutes of the fourth quarter and halting the latter's late rally. Shirley's surprised PSS with a 10-2 scoring in the first one and a half minute of the fourth canto to

turn a six-point advantage at the end of the third, 75-69, to 14, 85-71. Lerio Pagarao kicked off the final frame with five straight points, while Erick Dela Rosa and Matt Duenas hit the two other field goals. Bobby Coldeen Jr. made the lone field goal for PSS as he scored a fastbreak layup off a steal.

With Shirley's threatening to pull away, PSS coach Bob Coldeen Sr. called a time out and when the game resumed his crew responded with its own rally, a 13-4 run, to cut the deficit to five, 84-89, 4:04 left on the clock.

After losing the double-digit spread it was Shirley's turn to press the panic button and after the brief break, it scored a string of five points in less than a minute with Pagaro making a free throw and a layup and Sean Rabasto pulling away for another fastbreak play. In an instant, Shirley's advantage was back to double digits and it kept the safe distance, as PSS

was held to four points and one field goal in the remaining minutes of the match.

PSS absorbed its second loss in three games, as it ran out of steam after playing catch up all night. PSS fell behind by as much as 13 points in the first half and faced an 11-point deficit at the break, 37-48, after missing the services of Preston Basa, who was playing in another league. Basa reported for duty in the third and he and Joe Villacrusis brought PSS back into the game before Shirley's strong start in the fourth foiled Basa and company's comeback bids.

In the first game, McLain Achas scored 8 points, including the last six markers of McDonald's to keep the team's clean slate.

Mike Achas also drilled crucial baskets in the fourth period to lift McDonald's to victory in a low-scoring game. Mike nailed three field goals in the final canto and finished in twin digits with his 11. McLain led

McDonald's with his 19 markers, while Tony Diaz had 29 for Docomo, which has yet to win in three games.

## First Game

**McDonald's 57** – Mc. Achas 19, Mi. Achas 11, Cruz 9, Gapor 8, L. Achas 4, C. Achas 2, Corpuz 2.

**Docomo 55** – Diaz 29, Hayes 9, Sanchez 5, Sanciangco 5, White 3, McCale 1, Deleon Guerrero 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 12-11, 27-23, 42-40, 57-55.

## Second Game

**Shirley's 102** – Duenas 34, Dela Rosa 18, Pagarao 21, Rabasto 14, Esdrelon 11, Pamintuan 4, Manibusan 1.

**PSS 88** – Basa 21, Vilacrusis 16, Manibusan 13, Cabrera 10, Diaz 7, Coldeen 6, Mendez 6, Itibus 4, Villagomez 3, Gunto 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 27-14, 48-37, 75-69, 102-88.

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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Erick Dela Rosa powers his way into the basket against Public School System's Mel Manibusan, left, and Jerry Diaz, third left, during the fourth quarter of their game in the JP World caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



# NMSA, Feds grab early lead

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Northern Marianas Sports Association and the Feds dispatched their respective rivals last Wednesday to grab the early lead in the 2014 IT&E-DYS Inter-Government Basketball League.

NMSA's Preston Basa and Ronnel Gamboa turned the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium into their own virtual playground in leading their respective teams to their second win for a share of the early lead. Basa fired eight three-pointers to finish with a game-high 36 points in NMSA's 74-58 thrashing of the Department of Public Safety in the opener, while Gamboa scattered 24 markers as Feds escaped with a 61-58 win over Customs.

The former Saipan Southern High School standout had a slow start before exploding for 13 in the second quarter, as NMSA enjoyed a 40-33 half-time spread. Basa's back-to-back three-pointers in NMSA's 8-0 spurt midway in the second period turned the momentum to their side after trailing for most part of the opening quarter. He then finished with 16 markers bridging the third and fourth periods to help secure NMSA's second win in as many matches.

No other NMSA player finished in double digits, but Benjamin Jones and Chech Sablan, who buried 3 three-pointers, combined for 18 points. Marvin Rabauliman paced DPS' losing cause with his 14 markers, while Rudy Sablan added 11.

Feds, in the second game, joined NMSA on top of the eight-team field after dealing Customs its first loss in two games.

Gamboa also had a slow start before pouring 17 of his team-high 24 points in the second half where the Feds weathered every Customs comeback try. Ken McCain, John Ogarto, Juan Camacho, Leo Apelo. Joe Esteves, Garth Backe and Hae Jun Park combined for 37 points to help the Feds foiled Custom's repeated rallies.

Leo Galarse led Customs with his 21 points, while Dave Camacho and Don Brennan added 14 and 11 markers, respectively.

Meanwhile, league action continues on Monday night with DPS hoping to bounce back from the loss when it takes on the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs in the 8pm second game.

Judiciary and Commonwealth Health Center will also try to recover from their opening game setbacks when they clash in the first match at 6:30pm.

## First Game

**NMSA 74**—Basa 36, Jones 9, Sablan 9, Rangamar 5, Babauta 4, Pharmin 4, Tudela 4, Winkfield 3.

**DPS 58**—Rabauliman 14, R. Sablan 11, J. Pua 8, J. Sablan 6, Santos 5, George 4, S. Pua 4, Joab 2, Kaipat 2, Norris 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-19, 40-33, 60-46, 74-58.

## Second Game

**Feds 61**—Gamboa 24, McCain 9, Ogarto 9, Camacho 7, Apello 5, Esteves 3, Backet 2, Park 2.

**Customs 58**—Galarse 21, Camacho 14, Brennan 11, Cepeda 3, Pangelinan 3, Maratita 2, Reyes 2, Saralu 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 13-10, 28-20, 45-37, 61-58.



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Northern Marianas Sports Association's Elias Rangamar is defended by Department of Public Safety defenders during the first game in the IT&E-DYS inter-government caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

# Tight race seen in Thursday B darts league

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It will be an exciting final two months in the 2014 Bud Light Saipan Electronic Darts Association's Flame Tree Thursday B division after Jonny's Kyodai and Naked Fish Na'Gupu are locked in a heated battle for the top honors.

Kyodai and Na'Gupu are tied on top of the standings with identical 65-40 records, while Naked Fish Ridin' Darry and Sand Juvy Dart Balas are not far behind at third to fourth spots with similar 62-43 cards. Na'Gupu caught up with Kyodai after thrashing the Smoke Pub Team Figan, 11-4, and the latter dropping an 8-7 decision against the Dart Balas.

Ridin' Darry also scored an 8-7 win over the Naked Fish Oneshot, while Joe's Serial Killaz drubbed the Jokers Warriors, 13-2. Oneshot, the third team backed by Naked Fish, is still in contention at fifth place with a 56-49 slate, but needs to rack up wins and minimize its losses to have a chance at the division crown.

Joe's Serial Killaz (52-53), Jokers Warriors (41-64), and Smoke Pub Team Figan (17-88) complete the standings in the Flame Tree Thursday B division.

In the Fanihi Thursday B division, the Smoke Pub D' Mekaniks (71-34) cruised to a

13-2 win over the VFW Warriors (38-67); Sand Juvy No Fear (40-65) posted an 11-4 decision against Jokers Chagi Fan (37-68); league-leading Sand Juvy Put3ska (74-31) scored a 10-5 victory over Smoke Pub 80 Proofers (50-55); and Route33 Mixblood Shooters (63-42) escaped with a 9-6 triumph over sister squad Bud Kings (47-58).

Jokers Latte Darts (76-29) remain on top of the Kingfisher C division, followed by Route33 Chagi Fan (74-31), Route 33 Dart Knights (67-38), Jokers Darty Minded (63-42), Naked Fish Hafa Mas (59-46), Jokers BSEA Sunsports (46-59), and Oleai Rebelz (35-70).

The Smoke Pub Snipers is the current leader in the Chichirika C division with a 62-43 mark, nine wins ahead of Sand Juvy Ta Chagi (53-37), followed by sister teams Jokers Spartans and Disciples with similar 61-44 slates.

Poseidon Feelin' Lucky (55-50), VFW 'Ombak' Hit'em Up (54-51), Barcode Breakers (51-39), Joe's DNA Jump It! (48-57), Smoke Pub Bull-It (35-70) and Blue Koi's (30-75) complete the standings.

In the Masters league standings, Jokers Destroyers (73-46) is on top, followed by Jokers TRA-Bull Makerz (61-58), Smoke Pub Master Outlawz (52-67), Sand Juvy Shoot

Balut (52-67); Ladies: Sand Juvy Vicious Darties (56-34), Smoke Pub Ladies Bull-It (55-50), Jokers Kitty Katz (50-40), Naked Fish Dartin' Divas (50-40), Route33 Avengers (40-50), Smoke Pub Mixed Nutz (40-50), Jokers GSide Shooters (36-54).

The Tuesday B standings are as follows: Jokers X-ecutioners (73-32), Smoke Pub Marupok (67-38), Route33 Mixblood Shooter 2 (59-46), Smoke Pub Dartholics (54-51), Smoke Pub D' Mekaniks (53-52), Sand Juvy 22 Snipers (52-53), Jokers Dabarkads (52-53), Smoke Pub High On Darts (44-61), Oleai Team Fearless (39-66), Sand Juvy Sparkz (32-73).

In the A division, Sand Juvy Outlawz (77-42) is ahead of Naked Fish Ridin' Darry (72-47), Sand Juvy Predator (68-51), Route33 Mixblood Shooter 1 (63-56), Sand Juvy 101 Proofers (61-58), Sand Juvy Sakudel (57-62), Smoke Pub Hunters (56-63), Route33 Mafia (51-68), Sand Juvy Bud Brothers (49-70), and Smoke Pub Comatose (41-78).

League secretary Warlee Ellama is also reminding all the players to pay the fee that was discussed during the captain's meeting. Payment is due on Oct. 11. Failure to settle dues will result to forfeiture of wins.





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## 32 swimmers set PBTs in 50m free

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**C**NMI swimmers got off to a good start, as 32 registered personal best times in the 50m freestyle event during the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's first meet for the 2014-2015 season last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.



Swimmers in the girls 11 to 12 and boys U8 age groups led the list of PBT holders, as seven from each division achieved the feat.

In the boys U8 category, Tsunami Saipan's Isaiah Aleksenko timed in at 38.38 seconds to eclipse his old PBT of 41.07 seconds, Arman Rechucger submitted 38.46 seconds (from 45.50), and Manuel Babauta logged 1:06.29 (from 1:18.00). Saipan Swim Club also had

three swimmers who notched PBTs in the event with Jefferey Sheu recording 50.67 seconds (from 1:02.76), Dino Sato posting 53.13 seconds (from 1:05.13), and Wataru Kadokura registering 1:00.70 (1:06.81).

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru competes in one of the freestyle races in the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's first meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.



## Bodybuilding group targets Pacific Games

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The newly-formed Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation is looking to send athletes to the 2015 Pacific Games set from July 4 to 18 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

CBF president John Davis

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The competitors in last month's Dee Clayton Classic pose for a photo. The Commonwealth Bodybuilding Federation is hoping the steady rise of young bodybuilders will help promote the sport in the CNMI.

said that after reviving the bodybuilding group, they will now focus on competing in the quadrennial sporting event to further promote the sport in the CNMI.

"Our focus now is to prepare for the Pacific Games. We plan to send some athletes in PNG," said Davis.

The bodybuilding group head added that they plan to slowly bring bodybuilding back in the CNMI's consciousness.

"Our long-term goal is to bring back bodybuilding as one of the regular sporting events here. We're planning to hold a tournament in April and hope-

fully organize four events a year, especially with a lot of guys now hitting the gym," said Davis, who has the full backing of veteran bodybuilding tournament organizer Dee Clayton.

Clayton, four years ago, organized the Mariana Islands Bodybuilding Dee Clayton Classic to revive interest in the sport after years of inactivity.

"I'm here to support them 100 percent. I can help them in organizing bodybuilding events and competitions," said Clayton.

With CBF re-introducing the

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## Matansa blanks MP United in girls U15

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Matansa Football Club earned its second straight win in the girls U15 division of the 2014 NMIFA Fall League after dominating MP United, 4-0, last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Cousins Lyka and Angelica Sally teamed up with Pinyarat Shankweiler in lifting Matansa to its third victory in four games and handing MP United its fourth consecutive setback.

Angelica and Sally drilled the first two goals for MP United with the former finding the back



of the net in the seventh and the latter nine minutes later. Shankweiler made it a 3-0 halftime lead, as she also scored just one minute after Lyka hit her lone goal in the match. Angelica then got her second goal in the 53rd minute to cap the rout.

**Tan Holdings FC 12,  
Kanoa FC 4**

Tan Holdings FC also secured a lopsided victory over Kanoa.

Tan Holdings had the game in the bag as early as the first half after firing 10 goals. Catherine Barrozo led Tan Holdings' pounding of Kanoa, as she scored a hat-trick. Mary Kay Alferos, Krizel Mae Tuzon, and Emalyn Aniana added

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A Matansa Football Club player steps into the play to grab the possession from MP United FC's Gillian Villagomez during the second half of their game in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

